

Clerk's Report  
Sudborough Parish Council  
Friday, 12 November 2021

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## Agenda Items

### 21/144 – Financial Report

As of 12/11/2021, the balance of the council's bank account is £20,470.42. This includes all expected income for this financial year.

### 21/154 - Jubilee Tree

- 21/116 Previously resolved to investigate the “village green” and the land opposite the roundhouse.

The first planting phase will be from October 2021 to April 2022 and the Platinum Jubilee Official National Celebration Weekend is on the 3rd to the 6th of June 2022.

You will find further information in the next edition of **eupdate** from Northants CALC and of course all the detail on The Queen's Green Canopy website:

[www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)

My role is to assist the Lord Lieutenant champion and publicise The Queen's Green Canopy initiative across the county. Should you have any questions do please feel free to contact me by e-mail. [paul@southfieldshouse.co.uk](mailto:paul@southfieldshouse.co.uk)

Woodland trust guide

Lots of guidance - [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)

[Woodland trust responded](#)

Choose the right trees for your land:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/choose/> .

Species guide: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/1168/twigged.pdf> .

## Ongoing

### Flooding

Richard Jones attended 28th of April; written report due in August. List of measures for flood management and local projects to alleviate. Culvert is not draining properly; to replace or add another parallel. 2 out of 3 contractors quoted for the parallel at £40k-50k. Innovative Resilience Fund will hopefully pay for this and other flood defence work. Local authority coming to speak about accessing fund. The council agreed to spend £150 +VAT for camera exploration of the culvert subject to communication with landowner – Cllr Dixon to draft. EA section 19 flood investigation. Jones to visit again with EA team.

July 2021 - Matthew Hunt to be asked to write to Highways urging them to get the situation with the culvert sorted out before the start of next winter otherwise it could lead to a lot of unnecessary flooding.

Sept 2021 - The responsible landowner has engaged a drainage company to clear the culvert this Friday. The Pathfinder project was made aware of this and they suggested they reimburse the landowner via the Parish Council as they are not able to do so directly.

Pathfinder report due August has not arrived and has been chased. Matthew Hunt asked if we can write to the relevant farmer to address runoff from his land. The Council will instead pursue future funding and action for all land in the Parish, prioritising at the direction of qualified persons.

### Cowthick

Outline planning permission has been approved. Flooding and Transport solutions are being considered. There are concerns around inadequate filtration of potentially hazardous runoff. These concerns were raised at the meeting in April. There is a follow up meeting 8th June MD Mulberry, Mike Page & Cllr Dixon will be in attendance.

The council submitted a response to the Phase 1 Transport Assessment. Available publicly and on request

Highways responded to the Phase 1 Transport Assessment appeared on the NNC website on 10 August. This is publicly available and on request.

This report has been forwarded to Cllr David Brackenbury (Chair of NNC's Strategic Planning Committee) and Cllr Wendy Brackenbury (our local rep on NNC).

The next meeting with the developers is due Monday 22nd of November.

### Path Warden

The council do not appoint a path warden but propose the volunteer. We are seeking such a volunteer.

## Consultation on the Spatial Framework for the Oxford - Cambridge Arc

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has issued a letter to parish and town councils in the five counties in the footprint of the **Oxford-Cambridge Arc** (see the [July/Aug 2021 eUpdate](#) for more details on the Arc). The letter highlights the consultation on the Spatial Framework for the Arc, which opened on 20 July 2021 and closes on **12 October 2021**. MHCLG has also produced a Toolkit, which contains slides and notes that can be used to run local engagement events. It is important that everyone has a chance to have their say; housing, transport and economic development in the Arc will have a direct impact on Northamptonshire for decades to come, and this is an opportunity for parish and town councils to highlight local issues.

Download MHCLG **Letter**:

<https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/lettertoparishcouncillorsasf2sept2021final.pdf>

Download Arc Consultation **Poster**:

[https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/67585-mhclg-ox-cam-poster-a4-\(1\).pdf](https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/67585-mhclg-ox-cam-poster-a4-(1).pdf)

Direct link to Consultation **Toolkit**:

<https://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc/documents/local-engagement-toolkit>

21/120 - Resolved that Cllr Dixon will draft a response on behalf of the council to be approved via email.

This was submitted 11<sup>th</sup> of October

## Apparent use of weedkiller on a roadside verge adjacent to Main Street

Highways were consulted but did not have any knowledge of this.

21/114 - Resolved that Cllr Dixon will pursue a FOI request

FOI Response:



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21.09.21 CD\_respon:

*Northamptonshire Highways, and contractors, do not undertake any verge treatments as part of the cyclic weed spraying contract.*

*We have also checked dates and our officers went to Sudborough on 23 July 2021, not in the time frame mentioned.*

*We are currently waiting for an update from the Environmental Team in Thrapston, and will respond further when that information is received.*