

## **Chairmans Report**

**February 2026**

### **A14 traffic diversions**

Recent A14 closures due to accidents on two consecutive Wednesdays with sadly death of HGV driver on the first occasion and injuries to occupants of vehicles involved in following Wednesday

Diversion along Morston Hall Road (single track road with passing places) left residents in Morston Hall Lane unable to gain access out of lane.

Also left Morston Hall Road in such a state walkers now required to walk in road especially now residents in Lane requiring to use 75/ 76 bus which no longer use this road for outward journey from Felixstowe having a long walk to nearest bus stop. (Previous bus stop at junction of Morston Hall Road/Lane)

Diversion along Innocence Lane - potholes/road edge ruts left along this Lane which not suitable for HGV traffic due to its narrowness (hint is in the name) Reported to Highways. Outcome - considered does not meet criteria therefore no action to rectify.

Local feeling is that serious discussion and action needs to take place on realistic diversion route, especially with further development of residential dwellings taking place with consequential increase in commuter traffic.

### **PROW**

Waterworks Lane - to date no progress on improvement

Bridleway/track to River Orwell - as reported to PC by local resident - despite filling of potholes by fishing club, track continues to be an issue as well as traffic to/ from Loompit Lake fishing club.

Recent weather conditions has of course added to the problem of erosion.

### **Memorial Hall Management Committee**

Meeting held 6th January- Christmas light switch on event was very successful with large increase in attendance

New Hall - cost of purchasing small tables being explored as is a grant.

20 chairs to be used from large hall stock as not all required except when panto and summer show presented. This also releases congestion in storage cupboard.

New hall open afternoon Saturday 28th March - opportunity for public to view.

Bookings for new hall already being made for April and onward

## **Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum**

Meeting 20th January included -

Local Government reorganisation/ Suffolk Guide Dog Forum/ East Anglian Sailing Trust/Coastal Accessible Transport Services (CATS)/ update on Healthwatch Suffolk.

Minutes will be cascaded upon receipt