

Report from Wingfield Parish Council

Chairman: Michael Harvey

The recent parish council meetings in July and September have seen a significant increase in attendance by residents. The primary concerns voiced have focused on the poor broadband provision to the village and the need for more community engagement.

Broadband – Wingfield like many adjacent villages does not have the telephone infrastructure to support high speed broadband. We are far away from telephone exchanges and have no boxes to boost the signal. Nether BT nor Suffolk County Council, who hold special government funding for rural broadband, can give us a date for an improvement to the current poor provision. The subject was even dropped from the recent Parish Coordination meeting because no progress could be reported.

We are now discussing next steps with Reddingfield Parish Council who have been working on this problem since 2013/14.

Community engagement – A community action group has been active in the village for six months and has already delivered the successful village picnic held at Wingfield Barns in October. If you would like to join this group or provide ideas please contact: lorrynbeedham@hotmail.com

Other village improvements – Thanks to Michael Harvey the village sign has been renovated, Thanks to Roger Byrd the 30mph sign has been restored on Vicarage Road. And Waveney Trees have cut down the dangerous branches on the horse chestnuts on Wingfield Green.

Planning – 3 planning requests have been made over the past three months: Castle Farm Barns (2471/15) – withdrawn: Uplands, Top Road (3086/15)- approved: Beech Farm (3192/15) – pending.

Our final meeting of the year will take place on November 25th at 7.30pm at **Wingfield Barns** and in the New Year on January 27th at **Syleham Village Hall**

David Young – Parish Clerk