

Report from Wingfield Parish Council

Chairman: Lee Smith

There have been no Council meetings since our last report but there have been developments.

For the first time Wingfield Green has been “topped” in its entirety, all 50 acres. Our thanks to Gerald Webster for the great work he has done. We have received compliments from residents in Wingfield and surrounding villages. However, some have been concerned about the “toppings” effect on wildlife. Can we reassure those people that we did take advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust beforehand. Its recommendation was to graze the Green but in the absence of horses, cattle, sheep or goats, “topping” was the next best thing to preserve the natural habitat and keep it in good condition.

Plans to install a defibrillator at the De La Pole Arms have been put on hold since the future of the pub is now in question. We must stress, however, that the De La Pole will remain open for business until it is sold. Alternative sites for the machine will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council has published its revised Joint Local Plan for development of the district up until 2036. Wingfield retains its hamlet/countryside status and the strict building controls that apply to our village.

The next Parish Council meetings will take place on September 20th and November 29th and will be held at 7.30pm in Wingfield Barns.