

# Report from Syleham Parish Council

Chairman: Malcolm Flounders

The Parish Council held its last meeting before the District and Parish elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Major Andrew Napier DL announced his retirement from the Council after decades of service. Malcolm Flounders led the thanks to Andrew for his enormous contribution to the Parish Council and the village. His wise counsel will be missed.

The Clerk reported that Essex and Suffolk Water had been granted planning permission for expansion of their plant in the village but the application for building executive homes at Walnut Tree Farm was turned down.

The “green box”, bringing fibre broadband to the village, has now been installed and the cabling linking it to the Hoxne exchange is underway. To mark this event the Parish Council approved the acquisition of a new noticeboard to stand alongside the box at the Village Hall. A centre for paper and paperless communication for all residents.

The Council has agreed to liaise with the Village Hall Committee and MSDC leisure department to help arrange for a change of use order for “J’s Meadow” and fund plans to develop the site as a recreation area for the whole village.

Our next meeting takes place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, which will also serve as the Annual Meeting of the Council.