

Report from Syleham Parish Council

Chairman: Malcolm Flounders

Our first meeting of 2020 took place on March 4th where we discussed the projects conducted by councillors over the winter.

Firstly, Steve Phillips gave a comprehensive report on his survey of the village's footpaths and their signage. Steve has been working with the footpaths department of Suffolk Highways. We await their plan for restoration of both the paths and the missing signs. The network of pathways is a rich heritage of Syleham village, and we hope to be publishing a map and posting on the noticeboard and website for everyone to use.

Councillor and chairman Malcolm Flounders has been progressing the provision of grit bins for the village. Thanks to funding by MSDC we have been able to purchase three bins to be located in the village at sites agreed with Suffolk Highways.

The night before this Council meeting councillors from both Wingfield and Syleham met in joint discussion about progressing the Housing Need Survey. This was convened with Community Action Suffolk who outlined the pathway to execution. The result was serious concerns about the applicability to our villages. An alternative approach will be discussed with our colleagues in Wingfield.

It has been raised with the Council that a RAF Lancaster bomber crashed in Syleham on the night of 18th May 1944 killing the eight-man crew. It was agreed that the Council would liaise with the RAF Memorial Trust the best way to commemorate their sacrifice and aim to execute by VE Day (May 8th)

The next PC meeting will take place on May 20th, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

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