

Southwold town councillors

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Police contact:



The new national non-emergency number **101**, should be used when dialling 999 is inappropriate.

When in Suffolk, **101** will make contact with the Suffolk Police HQ and a direct connection can then be made to the Southwold & Halesworth Safer Neighbourhood Team.



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CONNECTING

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER, IS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED, PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE FUTURE AND FOCUS ON MATTERS OF BOTH A LOCAL AND NATIONAL INTEREST.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Saturday 28 January
from 10a.m. – 11 a.m.

Wednesday 22 February
from 7p.m. – 8 p.m.

when town councillors will be in attendance at the town hall.

Waveney District Councillors:

Sue Allen and Michael Ladd
[as opposite]

Suffolk County Councillor:

John Goldsmith: 722422

NEXT MEETING DATES

Town Council
Tuesday 3 January 2012

Committee Meetings

Policy & Finance
Tuesday 17 January 2012

ALL WELCOME

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Editorial note

While the newsletter sets out to be informative, it will seek to elicit local views and to challenge perceptions by encouraging a dialogue with readers; the clerk's office being the conduit for such an exchange.

And a further reminder please: the clerk's office is open to the public between 10 a.m. and 12 noon from Monday to Friday inclusive.

Town plan

The town council has authorized its *Quality Status* working group to be reconfigured as the *Town Plan* working group reporting, directly, to the full council.

The group is charged, initially, with establishing a strategy for achieving a Town Plan within a realistic time frame; considered by many to be about two years. It is, further, committed to report the outcomes of its initial meeting in December, 2011, to the town council at its first meeting of 2012 [see *Meeting Dates* on the back page].

A completed Town Plan will assist in guiding development in the town through a community constructed action plan [a list of priorities]. This, one hopes, would be accepted by our principal local authority, Waveney District Council [WDC], as a supplementary planning document, taking its place under the umbrella of WDC's Core Strategy and Site Specific analyses.

In the short term, the working group will be outlining a strategy that has to involve stakeholders and community partners within the consultative process and demonstrate how this will be achieved.

Should the town council approve the working group's vision, there would be the inevitable need for an initial public meeting and a formal request for volunteers to commit to a structured formal process that requires direct input from residents. Realistically, a minimum of fifteen people would be needed if the Plan were to become a reality.

Connecting will be devoting a dedicated space to this scheme during the coming months, but if there is anyone who simply cannot wait the first town council meeting of the New Year could be enlightening.

