

## PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ

AT THE URC CHAPEL  
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAYS

4 AND 18 FEBRUARY 2023  
FROM 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Friendly welcome for everyone. Come and enjoy.  
Homemade refreshments and time to chat.

## VOTER ID IS COMING

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023. Don't miss your opportunity to vote - be prepared.



For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council are on **Monday 19 February 2023 at 7.30 pm and will be at Wattisfield Chapel in Chapel Road, Wattisfield.**

Residents are most welcome. At the beginning you can speak on any matter relating to the agenda or the village and then you can, if you wish, observe the remainder of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is usually published on noticeboards and at [www.wattisfield.onesuffolk.net/agendas/](http://www.wattisfield.onesuffolk.net/agendas/) a week or so before the meeting. Then the draft minutes are published on the noticeboards and the website a few days later.

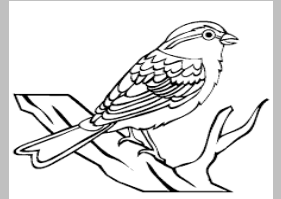
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## THE WATTISFIELD WARBLER



FEBRUARY 2023

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SHEPHERDS GROVE, HEPWORTH



You might already be aware that there has been talk of substantial development at Shepherds Grove. A formal planning application has now been submitted to West Suffolk Council for use of the site by a car auction business for damaged vehicles, other road side services adjacent to a new roundabout and changes to traffic flows on the A143 at Hepworth. It is considered this development will have significant impact on the local villages with an increase in the number of vehicles using the A143 and the local lanes.

Wattisfield Parish Council, along with other Parish Councils, will be making their views known to the planners. You are also encouraged to have your say on this proposed development by contacting West Suffolk Council with your views.

Details of the planning application and how to respond can be found on the West Suffolk Council website and by searching using the application reference DC/22/2190/HYB. The final date for responses is 4 February 2023.



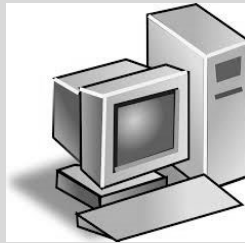
## UPDATE ON STREET LIGHTING

Contractors working for Suffolk County Council and the Parish Council have started the work on upgrading the street lighting units around Wattisfield. These new units will have modern LED lights and can be controlled so they can be dimmed and turned off at set times. This will mean savings of around 80% in energy costs. The cost of the upgrade is in the region of £14,000 and will be funded partly by Parish Council reserves and partly by a loan from the Public Works Loans Board.

It is understood that there are still two units that need updating and this will happen over the coming months. This has been delayed as UK Power Networks are needed to undertake some of the work.

WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## VACANCY FOR A PARISH CLERK



Wattisfield Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person who is community minded and enjoys working with the public, to take on the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The post is for a 5 hours per week, home based and includes attendance at all Parish Council meetings which are usually one a month.

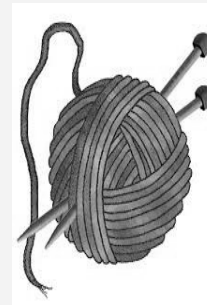
Duties include:

- Organising and attending council meetings, preparing agendas and writing minutes
- Maintaining the village website and noticeboard
- Maintaining files and documents
- Implementing the Council's decisions
- Attending to email correspondence
- Managing the finances, preparing the annual budget, requesting the precept and reporting finances to the Council
- Advise the Council
- Be the first point of contact for the public.

Pay will be in line with NALC guidelines and according to experience and qualifications. A Certificate in Local Council Administration would be an advantage as would experience of being a Parish Clerk, but support and training will be available for someone new to parish councils and who is willing to learn.

If you wish to apply then please send an email expressing your interest together with your CV to the current Parish Clerk at [wattisfieldpc@outlook.com](mailto:wattisfieldpc@outlook.com)

**Closing date for applications is 15 February 2023**



AT WATTISFIELD CHAPEL...

### CRAFTEA TIME

On the second Wednesday of each month a get together for an afternoon of crafts, tea, biscuits and a natter.

**Wednesday 8 February 2023**

**1.00 pm to 3.00 pm**

Everyone is welcome to come along with their crafts or just for a cup of tea and a natter.

For more information contact Mary on 01379 898233 or Jo on 07808 487844



THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN  
WILL BE VISITING ON

**TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON**  
WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Do pop along to the Village Hall and have a coffee and a chat. All welcome.

### WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

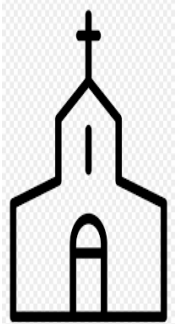
**St Margaret's Church, Wattisfield**

No services during February.

**Wattisfield Chapel**

Every Sunday at 11.00 am at Chapel Road, Wattisfield.

Except Sunday 26 February 2023 when there will be a joint service at Diss URC at 10.45 am



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### BOARD GAMES TIME

**WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

**1.00 pm to 3.00 pm**

Everyone welcome to come along and have a good time

