

# NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council is on **Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30 pm and will be at Wattisfield Chapel in Chapel Road, Wattisfield. The following meeting will be on 19th February 2024.**

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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Items for the newsletter should be submitted by email to the Parish Clerk by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Items may be declined or edited.

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## Ditches & Flooding .

Following on from the October storms and floods, if you have not already taken steps to clear your ditches, now is a good time to get on with it before the next heavy rainfall.

If you live next to a ditch, discharge water into the ditch by pipe or natural fall of the land, you have some responsibility to keep that ditch clear. Make sure there is no debris blocking the watercourse nor any undergrowth that would impede the flow. Where a ditch crosses your land, even on the boundary, you need to make sure it is clear.

There are rules for the management of ditches, it's called Riparian Law. You can read and check what are your responsibilities via the Suffolk CC website, here is a link to their Riparian Ownership guidance and advice. Alternatively, search for RIPARIAN at [suffolk.gov.uk](http://suffolk.gov.uk) [Riparian Ownership in Suffolk](#)

Following the recent 'illegal rave' at the Mushroom Factory in Hepworth, Stefan Henriksen from Suffolk Police made the following response to our enquiries: -

*We made every effort to stop people attending, but by the time we got there, the Rave was set up and we were unable to prevent around 1000 people going in. The following day we were able to muster enough officers to go into the location, and at this time we were able to stop the music, the organisers were arrested, and all the equipment was seized. Due to the sheer numbers in attendance, it was not possible to do this earlier. The security for the site will still sit with the owners, although we have advised on this .*

## WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### St Margaret's Church, Wattisfield

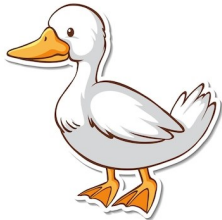
Sunday - No dates given at time of going to press

### Wattisfield Chapel

Sunday at 11am January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & in February on 4th, 11th, 18th

No service on 25th February

The service on 21st January is a joint service (at the Chapel) with St. Margarets, to celebrate Candlemas and reaffirm the Churches working together in the coming year.



### PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ AT THE URC CHAPEL IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD SATURDAYS

6th & 20th January & 3rd & 17th February  
FROM 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

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



Craftea Time on— 10th January & 14th February 1—3 pm.

Scrabbletea (games) 24th January & 28th  
February 1—3 pm



## EVENTS AT WATTISFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Hot Frog Bar Friday & Saturday evenings from  
6pm until 11pm.**

Please check our Website and Facebook page for events and updates.

<https://wattisfieldvillagehall.co.uk/>



## Fuel Support - from Babergh & Mid Suffolk DC

Find out more about the support in your area

### Help to heat your home:

- Prepayment meters – if you are unable to top up your prepayment meter, Citizens Advice can offer you advice and may be able to refer you for charitable support. You can also contact Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk for support, advice and an in home survey from a Pre Pay Coordinator. Call 07769 365796 or email [prepay@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:prepay@eastssuffolk.gov.uk).
- Local Welfare Assistance Scheme – This hardship grant offers payments up to £300 towards the cost of essentials, including energy. Visit the Suffolk County Council website for more information and to apply.
- Surviving Winter - offers help, such as fuel vouchers or support for alternative fuels like oil and LPG, to help you heat your home. Apply online via the Citizens Advice Ipswich website or call 01473 298634 to find out if you are eligible.
- Emergency Heating – if your home currently has no heating, Warm Homes Healthy People can provide free emergency heaters and help you find longer term support. Call 03456 037 686 or email [whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk). Subject to availability.
- Visit [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/energy-fuel-and-utilities](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/energy-fuel-and-utilities) for more resources to help you keep fuel and utility costs down.