

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on January 21st 2025 in the Reading Room, Eriswell

Present:

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Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey

Cllr B Foster

Cllr A James

In attendance:

C/Cllr C Noble, Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton, Mr A Blenkiron, Elveden Estates N Glading, parish clerk, and one member of the public

2025/99 **CHAIRMANS WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording. a. b. The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr L Hall had resigned, effective from March 2025. She is moving away from the village. 2025/100 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Councillors received apologies for absence: D/Cllr G Kelly, Cllr J Foster and a. Councillors consented to accept the apologies received. b. 2025/101 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None 2025/102 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in November 2024** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 26th 2024 a. were unanimously **AGREED** as an accurate record and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same. b. Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none 2025/103 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** No members of the public wished to speak. 2025/104 **UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton: Planned is a big NATO exercise, with 40 a. aircraft in the air at one go. (Appendix A). The Chairman explained the need for the drop off facility i.e. this is to prevent congestion on Earlsfield Road, it is not just about the amazon locker. b. Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble: County to request increased precept of 5%, we wanted it to be 3%, but the social care element has also risen.

	Devolution is going to happen everywhere. Combined authority of Norfolk and Suffolk with a directly elected Mayor. The County Council devolution
	debate is available on utube. C/Cllr Noble`s term is extended by two years.
C.	Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly and /or D/Cllr Tracy
	Whitehead:
	D/Cllr Kelly had given apologies.
d.	Update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden estates
	The sugar beet harvest is complete. The carrot harvest was not so good.
	Xmas trees sale went well.
	Mr Blenkiron will look at the amazon locker/ delivery scenario (Elveden are
	landowners)
	There are new people in the pub, and plans for a permissive pathway
2025/105	LORDS WALK UPDATES
a.	Clerks: Radcliffe Road noticeboard key has been mislaid. Cllr Bibbey and
	Mrs Brunning will look through the keys that they retain.
b.	Radcliffe Road streetlights (Suffolk County Council Streetlighting)
	No action
C.	Update on Unsafe/broken footpath light between Myrtle and Hawthorne
	(Suffolk Council Streetlighting)
	No action
d.	Update on Base collection facility - Amazon lockers and van collections
	(Sqn Ldr Eaton) see 2025/104 a.
e.	Update on advertising signage (Planning Enforcement WSC)
	No action
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2025/107	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS
a.	The December/ January 2025 itemised expenditure/ invoices for payment
a.	were unanimously AGREED and signatories authorised to sign the relevant
	cheques
	Staff Jan-25 £466.45
	Staff Dec-24 £466.45
	LNADO 5/04
b.	EPC Budgets and Precept demand 2025 to 2026 were considered
D.	(Appendix C)
	(i) The consider Budget required for 2025 to 2026 was considered. A
	2% rise to £15,740 was AGREED.
	(ii) The Precept request 2025 to 2026 was AGREED and signed by the
	Chairman and the clerk
	(signed precept request was sent to West Suffolk Council 21/01/2025)
2025/108	SID REPORT
a.	The November 2024 Speed Indicator Device Report was RECEIVED
a.	(Appendix D)
2025/109	EPC EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW
	Mrs Brunning confirmed that she had approved the letter to be signed by
a.	
	vulnerable people, to allow a database to be kept (Appendix E)
2025/110	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
a.	Councillors reviewed the Christmas tree project and thanked Mr Blenkiron
	for the assistance from Elveden Estate. The tree at the Reading Room looked
	lovely. The tree at the shops less so, as the necessity to use solar lights meant that it was unlit most of the time.
2025/111	
2025/111	GOVERNANCE: POLICY REVIEWS
a.	1. EPC Data Protection Policy
	2. EPC Freedom of Information Statement
	3. EPC General Privacy Notice
	4. EPC Media Policy
	5. EPC Procedure for Dealing with Data Breaches
	6. EPC Subject Access Request Procedure
	7. EPC Accessibility Statement The shows were reviewed and unanimously APPROVED on bloo
h	The above were reviewed and unanimously APPROVED en bloc
b.	It was RESOLVED to appoint Ayuntee Accounting, as EPC internal auditor, 2024-2025
2025/112	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS
a.	Chairmans itinerary and report (on the night): see below
C.	Councillors' reports (on the night): see below
	(i) Please can the tractor tyre be removed; it remains an eyesore
	(ii) Litter pick required and an replacement bin is required in the
	layby: clerk to look into

d.	Reports	from groups					
	a)	Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee					
		Cllr Tolmie reported that					
		the grant applied for from Rural England Prosperity Fund had					
		been successful. A meeting of the ERGMC Management Committee on Tuesday 18 th February 2025 has been arranged to					
		take this forward					
	b)	Reading Room Committee					
		Cllr Bibbey reported that temporary repairs on windows are					
		necessary; he will look at the situation and report back to Elveden					
		as they are the landlords. Cllr Bibbey has carried out work that					
		has improved the ventilation and he will instal a plastic vent cover					
	c)	Poors Charity					
		Cllr B Foster reported that he had a meeting with a resident, dog					
		walkers will pay to allow their dogs to be off the lead in a safe,					
		fenced off area. The Charity are still considering allotment					
		provision					
	d)	Eriswell Footpaths Cllr Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden,					
		advised that the footpaths will all be cut in Spring					
2025/113	EXCHAN	IGE OF INFORMATION: Information may be shared (with the					
	permissi	on of the Chairman) None					

21.09 meeting closed

Meetings 2025

February 25th 2025
March 25th 2025
April 29th 2025 Annual Assembly
May 27th 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting
June 24th 2025
July 29th 2025
August 2025 Summer break
September 30th 2025
October 28th 2025
November 25th 2025
December 2025 (to be confirmed nearer the time)

Appendix A

RAF Lakenheath report to Eriswell Parish Council Jan 2025.

Operational Update.

- 1. Drones:
- a. Councillors will be aware from media reports that during November 2024 there was an unusual level of drone related activity in the TriBase area. This necessitated an above average amount of night flying activity and the USVF would like to pass on their thanks to the local communities for their understanding and support during this period.
- b. For clarity, Councillors are also asked to note that the flying of drones over MOD(Air) property is an illegal activity and there are plenty of signs in place as reminders. Equally, the flying of drones in the permanent Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) that surrounds both RAF Lakenheath or RAF Mildenhall is also illegal without the prior permission of either the relevant Air Traffic Control Tower or Airfield Operations. Should any members of the community see any suspicious activity then we would be most grateful if they would report this directly to Suffolk Constabulary.
- c. A temporary FRZ is now in place around RAF Feltwell that prohibits the unrestricted use of drones. Authority to approve drone flying within the FRZ lies with MOD police and anyone wanting to request a flight must contact the 24/7 MOD police control room. Per this link:

https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/export/sites/default/en/Publications/briefing-sheets/RESTRICTION-OF-FLYING-REGULATIONS-APPLICABLE-TO-UAS-ONLY-MINISTRY-OF-DEFENCE-AIRSPACE-RESTRICTIONS.pdf

Administration

- 1. As previously reported, Suffolk County Council have allocated funds for road safety improvements in the TriBase area. There is a limited amount of money that is available for road sign replacement, white line/road marking improvement and the cutting back of vegetation. Suffolk Highways have identified priority areas, and these have been reviewed by the Wing Safety Teams at Lakenheath and Mildenhall to ensure that the funds are allocated effectively. We have received notification from Suffolk Highways that some works that fall within the scope of this funding will be undertaken during Jan and Feb 25.
- 2. 48FW has been in discussion with Amazon for some time to investigate the placing of lockers in the vicinity of Gate 2. Amazon have rejected the proposed locations and thus far we have been unable to identify suitable alternatives in the local area.

Appendix B DC/24/0764/FUL

CONSULTATION ON APPLICATION RECEIVED BY LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

PROPOSAL Planning application - a. siting of two storage container for restaurant/coffee shop (class E) b. five digital signs c. replacement treatment plant

LOCATION Land At Roundabout, Lords Walk, Raf Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk, IP27 9PJ

APPLICANT Bogdan Dupir

AGENT William Kane

Name of Town/Parish: Eriswell Parish Council

Signature of Clerk: N Glading

Parish Council response to this application OBJECTION

Parish Council Observations

Please see below, also NOTE: We would also like to emphasise that approval would amount to industrialisation by stealth and that had this been applied for as a whole at the start, it is likely it would have been rejected. Part of the area has been provisionally earmarked by MoD and the Parish Council for a collection/ delivery area which would benefit the local area and safety, provided that the one -way system was properly enforced and adhered to.

Objection to DC/24/0764/FUL Planning application -

a. siting of two storage containers for restaurant/coffee shop (class E)

Background

This will be the 3rd business application since 2019.

DC/19/0824/FUL Planning Application - Change of use of land from former vehicle holding/checkpoint area to use for car sales/car rentals business including siting of modular office building

DC/22/1456/FUL Planning application - Change of use of part of car rental (sui generis) to commercial hand car wash with associated parking (sui generis)

Each application/approval has incrementally increased site usage over time. It is worth remembering that this tarred site is a little over 4000m2 and has had 3 businesses approved to date.

- Car Rental
- Car Sales
- Commercial Car wash

As at 20/12/2024 there are in excess of 125 vehicles on this site and the actual utilisation bears little resemblance to the layout and design as approved for DC/22/1456/FUL with the overwhelming use seems focused on used car stock.

Site Access and Traffic Generation

The traffic controls and signage required by SCC Highways for planning approval in 2019 (IN from roundabout, OUT onto Lords Walk Road) are neither currently maintained nor enforced:

- During out of business hours, both entrance and exit are blocked by owner parked vehicles.
- During business hours, the IN is used for both IN and OUT with the OUT remaining blocked for use by owner parked vehicles. SCC Highways clearly stated that entering into the roundabout via the IN only access point would be dangerous due to visibility issues. This Highways requirement has been disregarded. (See DC/19/0824/FUL "Further Highways Comments" SCC/CON/1904/19)

- The 2 OUT signs have been permanently removed and no longer exist (photograph)



Photo showing removed 'OUT' signs (20/12/2024)

Site Parking

As mentioned earlier in this response, the site is currently nearly full to capacity, mostly occupied by existing parked up vehicles (aka used car stock). If the previously approved plans for layout and space utilization have not been adhered to, it is hard to imagine that suddenly space will become available, AND reserved, for another business, more business customers and additional staff parking.

New Restaurant Parking Requirement

For a restaurant occupying 60m2 (2 x 40ft containers) SCC Suffolk Parking Guide October 2023, Use Class E(b) [formally A3] p39 calls for the following minimum allocated parking:

- 10 customer parking spaces 15% (2) with EV charging
- 2 customer cycle spaces
- 2 customer PTW parking
- 3 customer Disabled bays
- Of course, the additional employee car parking must also be taken into consideration.

The proposed block plan makes no allowance for any reserved parking for the proposed restaurant.

New Restaurant Toilet Facilities

The previous planning approvals made no allowance for customer or staff toiletry needs.

This proposal does not correct nor improved upon the situation.

There are no nearby public toilets.

It is hard to imagine that a restaurant would be approved without customer toilets also catering to the needs of their disabled.

Building Materials

The use of repurposed shipping containers is out of character with previously approved built businesses in the area.

It is out of character with the remainder of the housing on Lords Walk - mainly brick and tile

b. Five digital signs

The Proposed Block Plan has a schematic titled "Proposed Electronic Signage Coffee Shop and Treatment Plant"

- 1 x Large (6m x 2m) monitor sited to face the roundabout.
- 4 x Smaller (1m x 1.5m) monitors sited along Lords Walk Road

Background

The purpose of bright internally illuminated signage (aka monitors) is to:

- attract attention at a higher rate than conventional static conventional printed/painted signage.
- make content changes quickly and easily.
- has been shown to increase engagement (eyes on sign for longer) with "captured" customers.
- attracts attention 24/7/365
- can be seen in all ambient light conditions especially at night and in periods of low light.
- can be seen over much greater distances than traditional printed signage.

The objections below assume that the Proposed Block Plan is the most complete and that the intention is to use electronic monitors for advertising the sites 4 businesses (Rental, Sales, Wash and Restaurant).

Submitted Planning Documentation

- 1. The Design and Access Statement does not mention that the large sign facing the roundabout will be electronic (aka 6m x 2m monitor).
- 2. The Design and Access Statement does not mention the 4 proposed electronic signs (aka 1.5m x 1m monitors) along Lords Walk Road.
- 3. The Design and Access Statement makes mention of proposed sold style signage for/on the restaurant but this is not shown on the Proposed Block Plan

Safety

- 1. Harm to safety (1) a very large, bright, internally illuminated, digital signboard with changing images, placed so as to be in the line of sight of vehicles entering the Lords Walk roundabout from the direction of Eriswell Village, will create a distraction to drivers and pose a danger to other vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians (see 2 below).
- 2. Harm to safety (2) The B1112 has a very high volume of traffic (6500+ vehicles per day). A mere 25m from the roundabout are 2 bus stops, one on either side of this busy road. As these are the ONLY bus stops used by ALL school children on Lords Walk, distracted drivers will place these children at higher risk, especially in low light conditions. These bus stops are also used by employees/clients of the Earlsfield Shopping Centre, those employed at RAF Lakenheath and all residents of Lords Walk there are no other public bus stops servicing the Lords Walk/RAF Lakenheath area.

- 3. Harm to safety (3) The 4 medium sized internally illuminated digital signboards, with changing images will cause a distraction and would pose a danger to vehicle drivers and cyclists navigating Lords Walk Road, a major feeder road in/out of Gate 2 of RAF Lakenheath.
- 4. Harm to safety (5) Neurodivergent people find high intensity and flashing images particularly disturbing.

Environmental

1. Each of the smaller boards could consume up to 11,000 KWh, the equivalent of 3 medium sized homes. The large board proposed could consume the same energy as 6 medium sized homes. This is not in line with SCC Climate Emergency Plan of reducing greenhouse gas emissions nor is it in line with the West Suffolk District Council climate action plan. See

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/09/electronic-advertisingboardsmanchesterenergy-use-consumption

- 2. Given the proposed siting and the intended use of electronic monitors, has a visual impact assessment been performed? These types of signs can be seen over much greater distances than traditional advertising printed/painted boards.
- 3. There is an enforcement action EN/24/0005 currently underway for the unapproved erection of multiple signs on Lords Walk roundabout. Due to the long delay in enforcement action, one could mistakenly believe that these signs have been approved by WSDC Planning and the local community and thus could be seen as implied approval for more signage to be erected.
- 4. It is unclear how WSDC plans to monitor or enforce content on internally illuminated digital/electronic signboards (aka monitors) once granted. There seems to be a lack of policy on this matter.

Amenity

- 1. Lords Walk is situated in an area classified as countryside. The installation of internally illuminated digital signboards (monitors) would not contribute positively to the area's character and identity, creating or reinforcing local distinctiveness in fact it would do the opposite and would be intrusive and unsightly for local residents. 4 of the proposed signboards will be situated along the tree-lined Lords Walk Road. These signboards would be intrusive into this scene due to its internal illumination and frequently changing, distracting images which also have a detrimental impact on local ecosystems.
- 2. The signboards will display messages to the local community that are not welcome and not in keeping with local values, suiting only the agenda of the advertisers, who are themselves not local residents of Lords Walk and do not have the best interests of those living in Lords Walk at heart.
- 3. The proposed signboards do not take into account those residents in Yew Close and Olive Close, whose properties overlook Lords Walk Road and the proposed signboards would provide a distracting and intrusive element to their view, especially at night and during low light conditions (night and most of winter), creating unacceptable light pollution and shining into the bedroom and bathroom windows of these buildings which will impact detrimentally their sleep and on their quality of life.

Appendix C

ERISWELL P	ARISH COU	NCIL PRECE	PT CALCULA	ATION													
2024-2025	2%	6 Actual £ 3% Actual £															
£15,127.00	£15,740.00	£1.03	£15,896.00	£1.55													
BUDGET VA	RIANCE 202	4-2025 to	date														
£15,127.00	Precept																
(No other i	ncome)																
	Salaries	HMRC	Payroll Services	Office Expenses inc home working allow	Earlsfield Projects/ Grass cutting	Hire Of Hall	Website	Training	Grass Cutting	Insurance	Subs + Audit & Bank charges	Maintenance Improvements/Street fumiture	Donations\ Grants	Bin emptying	Street Lighting	Xmas	Contingency/ Other
Expenditure	£4,198.05	£349.80	£90.00		£0.00	£80.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£893.90	£250.03	£194.74	£0.00	£574.08	£2,047.37	£30.30	£0.00
Budget	£5,000.00	£400.00	£110.00	£400.00	£250.00	£80.00	£160.00	£150.00	£0.00	£900.00	£500.00	£1,500.00	£350.00	£1,000.00	£3,100	£300.00	£927.00
Variance	£801.95	£50.20	£20.00	£27.41	£250.00	£0.00	£160.00	£150.00	£0.00	£6.10	£249.97	£1,305.26	£350.00	£425.92	£1,052.63	£269.70	£927.00

Supplier ID: 501140



Application for Parish/Town Council or Parish Meeting Precept 2025/26 Please complete the following and return to the Chief Financial Officer by 22 January 2025 PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL OR PARISH Eriswell MEETING OF: Please select your Parish from drop down list Date of meeting of Parish/Town Council or Parish Meeting, approving the precept 21/01/2025 Contact details of the Parish/Town Clerk or Parish Meeting Chair Nicola Glading Name: Address: 6 Albert Rolph Drive Lakenheath IP27 9DA 01842 337488 E-Mail: eriswellparishclerk@outlook.com Tel No: **Bank Details:** Sort Code: 30-95-58 Account Number: The amount requested by the above mentioned Parish/Town Council or Parish Meeting by way of precept from West Suffolk Council for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is as follows: The 2023/24 figures below are those submitted by Parishes in January 2023 and are included for information purposes only. 2024/25 2025/26 15,127 15,740 Expenditure (excluding contributions to reserves) Contribution to (+ve)/from(-ve) Reserves **Net Expenditure** 15,127 15,740 15,127 15,740 Parish Precept Tax Base (see explanatory note) 292.80 C 298.72 Parish Band D Council Tax 51.66 52.69 Increase/-Decrease 1.03 1.99% Percentage Increase/-Decrease Signed by:-Chair of Parish/Town Council or Parish Meeting: Date:

Appendix D

SID Report November 2024

On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village.

Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 30st October up until 23:59PM on 29th November 2024.

There was between 2700 and 3200 vehicles on weekdays passing this point.

There was between 1900 and 2300 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

The busiest times during the week was 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 244 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 284 cars p/h).

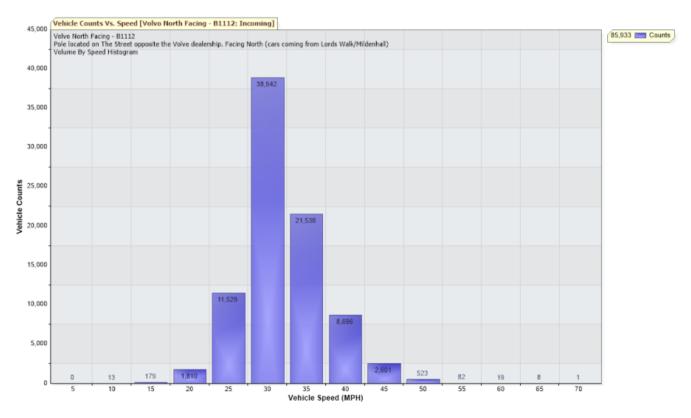
The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.8 MPH past his point.

The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.8 MPH past his point.

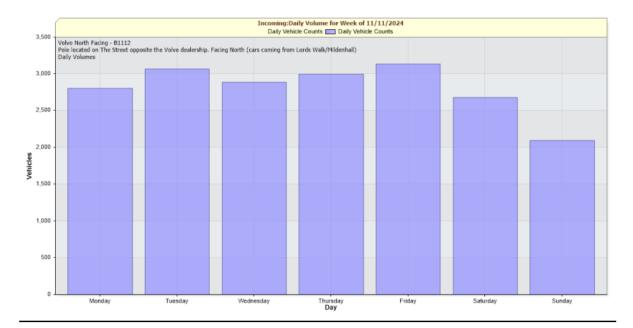
The fastest speeds recorded during this period was **70MPH (x1) and 65MPH (x8)**. The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).

The next pages show:

- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point
- Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table
- SID Location aerial diagram



30/10/2024 to 29/11/2024 into Eriswell village - Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

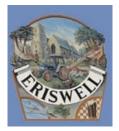
Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
0 - 1	15	12	27	14	22	30	32	
2 - 2	9	4	13	4	15	13	16	
2 - 3	6	10	8	16	11	24	12	
3 - 4	24	21	27	22	37	19	13	
4 - 5	74	61	56	47	72	46	36	
5 - 6	95	87	98	97	118	35	22	
6 - 7	100	65	94	96	109	35	28	
7 - 8	98	90	95	95	124	54	38	
8 - 9	87	88	89	71	121	80	57	
9 - 10	71	62	58	75	96	73	78	
10 - 11	52	69	55	63	111	89	110	
11 - 12	70	73	55	71	89	96	114	
12 - 13	66	77	81	81	113	89	124	
13 - 14	96	89	82	52	94	91	104	
14 - 15	115	106	99	99	82	125	109	
15 - 16	138	156	109	131	133	95	95	
16 - 17	122	154	119	139	132	80	82	
17 - 18	82	91	95	88	103	91	95	
18 - 19	58	77	81	75	82	75	47	
19 - 20	44	43	48	50	54	63	65	
20 - 21	28	30	42	36	43	48	50	
21 - 22	25	22	22	39	46	38	26	
22 - 23	35	54	49	32	44	48	21	
23 - 24	21	28	26	27	33	45	26	
Totals	1531	1569	1528	1520	1884	1482	1400	

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH



SID Location vs Start of 30MPH zone

Appendix E



ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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February 2025

Dear resident

Eriswell Parish Council is working on an Emergency Plan that we hope will assist in the unfortunate event of an urgent situation happening, for example, flooding, or something like the Covid epidemic.

As you know, nowadays we have to be very careful about keeping information.

I am therefore writing to ask if I may store your name address and phone number so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency, to ensure that you are safe and well. For this I need your permission. The details will only be used in the event of an emergency, and I personally will ensure that your information is only released to appropriate agencies if necessary.

If you agree, please would you complete the details below and send back to me, either by post, email or in a sealed envelope given to one of the councillors or Mrs Brunning.

Happy to answer any questions!						
Best wishes and Thanks Nicky Parish clerk						
I give permission for my details to be kept on the Emergency Contact database						
Name						
Address						
PhoneEmail						
Any disabilities that you have (so that we know in the unfortunate case of something like evacuation)						