

## **Nedging Parish Council report by Robert Lindsay county cllr 10.3.26**

### **New bus 51 Hadleigh and Stowmarket begins April 13<sup>th</sup>**

A five days a week service will start next month. Below is the timetable. I have asked Charlie Poulter at TMS who will operate it under the brand "Konect" what publicity they are doing and about bus stops. It will be a 16 seater bus. Obviously the more people use it, the more chance we have of keeping it and maybe even extending it.

Route	51	51	51	51	51	51
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:48	09:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48
Hitcham, White Horse	07:57	09:57	11:57	13:57	15:57	17:57
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Hadleigh, Bus Station	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16

  

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Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34

### **Wattisham airbase sewage sludge processing site shut down**

I'm pleased to say that the county council issued a full stop notice to this site just outside Wattisham airbase on the road to Ringshall on 20 January, meaning that they had a month to clear the site, unless they sought to appeal the notice. I have not heard of any legal challenge yet.

### **County council elections back on**

As you have no doubt heard, last month the Government suddenly U-turned on its move to scrap county council elections and they are now back on with v little notice.

This is owing to a legal challenge which the Government found it could not defend against. Before its lawyers saw this legal challenge, the government was adamant that it had legal precedents on its side.

All in all this strikes me as representative of the cavalier way local government changes are being pushed through.

### **Vehicle Removal Trial for Resurfacing Works**

Often road works have been delayed and extra costs added because people fail to heed the warning to move their cars beforehand. Suffolk Highways have announced that they will trial towing away vehicles that have not been removed between March and June this year for about 19 specific planned resurfacing works. The council will a fortnight before place cards placed under windscreens and through residents' doors. Two days before the works are due to begin, cones will be put out along with signage warning that it will become a towing zone on the day. If there are cars parked on the road on the day, officers will knock on doors to try and find the owner and as a last resort, vehicles will be moved. There is a £70 fine to get it back. Essex County Council has been doing this for about a decade and found that it has worked to cut costs of road works.

### **County Council chief executive quits with no new job to go to**

On 13 February, it was announced that Nicola Beach, the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council, would be resigning after six years at the end of March. Because the council will be dissolved in May 2028, the administration will be appointing two existing directors – Andrew Cook (currently deputy CEO) and Mark Ash (currently director of local government reorganisation) – into new joint chief executive roles for the remaining two years of the council's existence.