

Councillor Paul Hopfensperger

Report to Howard Estate Association of Residents and Tenants (H.E.A.R.T.) Monday November 17, 2019

Firstly just to apologise for missing last month's meeting as it was school ½ term and we went away for a few days. I did however send in my report which I am told was read out.

1. 2019 Community Awards – Thursday September 19th



I can't believe I forgot to mention in last months report how well The Howard estate did in the **2019 Community Awards** organised by the Bury Free Press/Bury St Edmunds Town Council! It was held on Thursday, September 19th in the Guildhall, and I'm delighted to announce that our very own Ernie Broom won the "**Citizen of The Year**" award. Former Howard Estate resident Tom Murray won the "**Lifetime Achievement Award**" and the amazing Eileen Andrews won the "**Keep Bury Tidy**" category.

Really well done to all of the recipients and they are all truly very well deserved!

2. Litter Bins at Oakes Road Bus Stops as Requested



On Facebook during the summer via the H.E.A.R.T. Facebook page, I was asked to provide two litter bins at the Oakes Road bus stops. I am happy to say that these have now been installed as requested. They were supplied by the Bury St Edmunds Town Council, installed by West Suffolk Council and will be maintained/emptied by West Suffolk Council.

3. Litter Bin at the end of Clay Road/Marham Park Footpath & Path Update



The residents of Marham Park are in need of litter/dog bins on the estate but as the roads and pavements have not yet been adopted by Suffolk County Council, this will not happen for some time. I have therefore requested that a litter bin is installed at the end of this new footpath which is technically not on Marham Park, it is at the end of Clay Road. This should be installed in the near future.

The footpath itself is now open as requested by residents, but Countryside have recently had some more changes put upon them by the Suffolk County Council Highways team at the Clay Road end of the footpath as it appears to have been designed incorrectly from the start. These changes are being

designed as we speak and a licence being put in place prior to the works being able to start. This will include Dropped curbs, tactile slabs etc. I have also requested that bollards are installed as would you believe, cars are actually driving up this path onto Marham Park. I am also working with a resident of Clay Road to ensure that the wooden fence (pictured on the far right) is re-instated up to the path. It originally went right across.

4. Defibrillator Update

At the September 25th meeting of the Bury St Edmunds Town Council I put the following item on the agenda:-

“That the Bury St Edmunds Town Council investigates the costs involved to purchase and maintain the disused BT Telephone Box in St Olaves Precinct, for the purpose of providing a much-needed Defibrillator for the local community. The defibrillator will be funded separately by Cllr. Paul Hopfensperger’s West Suffolk Council Locality Budget. (Paper to follow).”

This was unanimously agreed by everyone who was at the meeting. Cllr. Parker was not at the meeting but she sent in a statement in support of the proposal.

Out of the blue, I had a letter from BT confirming the cost of £1 for the purchase which I forwarded to the Town Clerk. I would imagine that it would need insurance also. Unfortunately, while I was always during the ½ term break, the Town Clerk apparently gave a report on my proposal (without consulting me) but to date despite constant requests, I have received no response on the costs of any kind. However, I am led to believe from two councillors that the Town Council will now **not be supporting this application**. I have put in a Freedom of Information Request to the Town Clerk asking for all paperwork on this. Again, to date – nothing. It is all very mysterious, and I believe Party Politics is at play here. I have informed the Town Clerk that they are potentially playing with people’s lives by delaying this.

Having spoken to the Chairman of H.E.A.R.T., Ernie Broom, late last week, I would therefore propose that tonight, if you are all in agreement, that I will pay for the entire project, including the first year’s insurance out of my locality budget via H.E.A.R.T. The entire phone box and defibrillator would then belong to you, the residents of the estate. I pledged to deliver this for you, and I will deliver it. Hopefully, the meeting will agree to this tonight.

5. West Suffolk Operational Hub



The new West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH) in Fornham officially opened last Monday, November 11, 2019 (Photo left courtesy of the West Suffolk Council website).

This is why your new bin collection day changed last week.

You can download a full year’s calendar from the website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk

The WSOH is a joint project between West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council to manage your waste by relocating a number of facilities to a single site. The original proposal stated that this facility will increase efficiency, save money and future-proof waste management for West Suffolk’s growing communities. Time will tell. The **Household Waste Recycling Centre** is currently still in Rougham Hill, but it should be moving to the new WSOH on **Thursday 28/11/2019**. So until then, still use the existing site.

6. Standing for Parliament



***"If you vote how you always vote,
you'll get what you always get."***

As stated previously, I always try to deliver to the best of my ability, things that the people of St Olaves Ward request of me. Much of this comes via H.E.A.R.T. others come from personal requests, Facebook etc. As you know, last November I formally requested that West Suffolk Council looks at delivering the bridge to ASDA from Oakes Road as requested from this association for many, many years. As detailed in my September report, due to West Suffolk Council turning down my proposals for the bridge to ASDA and the Railway Halt in Beetons Way both of which would help reduce the traffic flows into and out of the estate, especially with the new community centre and associated housing starting soon, I will be standing for Parliament. If elected these two items, plus many others will be on my list of priorities. The full list can be found here:-

<https://www.paulhopfensperger.com/elections>

IMPORTANT FOOTNOTE

If anyone has any questions on anything or issue(s) to raise with me then e-mail is always the best way to contact me (NOT Facebook Messenger or Facebook posts or Twitter which are not GDPR compliant).

I must have your consent to pass the e-mail on to 3rd parties help address your issue so please put:
"You have my permission to pass this e-mail onto whoever you deem necessary to address this issue"
or similar. Thank you.

Paul J. Hopfensperger

17/11/2019

Cllr. Paul Hopfensperger

Independent Councillor for St Olaves Ward - Since 2005

Bury St Edmunds Town Council and West Suffolk Council

Deputy Mayor of Bury St Edmunds

Independent Parliamentary Candidate for Bury St Edmunds - December 12, 2019

STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED AND NOTICE OF POLL

West Suffolk Council

Election of a Member of Parliament for

Bury St Edmunds constituency

Notice is hereby given that:

1. A poll for the election of a Member of Parliament for Bury St Edmunds will be held on Thursday 12 December 2019, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

2. One Member of Parliament is to be elected.

3. The names, home addresses and descriptions of the candidates remaining validly nominated for election and the names of all persons signing the candidate's nomination paper are as follows:

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Names of Signatories Proposers(+), Seconders(++) & Assentors	Reason why no longer nominated
CHURCHILL, Jo	(Address in Bury St Edmunds constituency)	The Conservative Party Candidate	Rayner, Paul (+) Thompson, Peter Ewer, Robert Chang-Kang Chow Potter, Derek Bridgman, Richard (+) Rout, Richard Springett, Wendy Ragley, Edward Jonathan Oyer, Adrian Palmer, Kieron William Roy Vanden (+) Palmer, Kenneth Roy Eggenyong, Annette L Gosling, Heather Gainsborough Foot, Vivian	Rayner, Joanna (++) Coxon, Donna Ewer, Diana Chang, Chai Ling Sally, Liam Bridgman, Sharon (++) Springett, Wendy Ragley, Janet Bridgman, Janet Tiffin, Elizabeth Palmer, Christine Susan (++) Eggenyong, Paul E J U Gosling, Nicholas Barker, David Cotbrook, Henry
GEARKE, Helen	White Cottage, Mill Lane, Woodst, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP26 3SL	Green Party	Scotford, Claire (+) Orlby, James Harrison, Juliet Summings, Elizabeth Rachel Barker, Robert E	Summings, Rory (++) Powell, Jane Hopkins, William David Stagg, Kevin Lee Wells, Cathryn E
HOPFENSPERGER, Paul Johann	(Address in Bury St Edmunds constituency)	Independent	Annes Leckwidge, Anthea (+) Wells, Peter Binkley, Geoffrey V Wilkinson, Katherine Annes, Monica J	Lingo, Valerie J (++) Miles, Myra L Turner, Michael J Ellis, Helen V Hughes, Gillian A
WATERMAN, CIP	(Address in Bury St Edmunds constituency)	Labour Party	Cornish, L (+) Pughan, John Sayer, John C Upson, Suzanne Higgins, Donna	Jarrell-Popham, Nicola (++) Sayer, Marilyn A Upson, Christopher Upson, Peter Pyke, T

*Notice of the Acting Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated