

District Councillor report March/April

Traditionally the time before an election is quiet in terms of Council activity and is so now.

Diss Grab Hire

Last week following the reporting of the above, Environmental Health and the Environment Agency, an unannounced visit was made to the site in Fersfield for inspection. Unfortunately the site at the time was not operational but the inspection went ahead. Concerns were recorded about the site and its contents, especially the pile of pallets, a small concrete crusher was parked outside and although the EA permit is for 250k of material per year it was felt that it couldn't take a 1/5th. The main concern was whether or not they rented or owned the site, the EA thought it was rented and could not develop it further. The EA will make a report and inform the EH at SNC of their decision about the site.

While the EH had the EA with them they made a visit to the Oaks and Deal Farm, they spoke there with the occupant of the Acorns and met Mr Aves and his daughter. Mr Aves brought the EA up to speed of his intentions to start a slurry business using the AD plant tanks. Water samples were taken in the ditches and on both sites to check for contaminants. A report should follow. The EA were not impressed with the condition of either site especially Deal Farm.

Surface Water Drainage

Two surface water drainage officers are now in post, Emma Rush and Karl Manning. I was asked to give them details of issues in Fersfield and Bresingham and by now I expect them to have made contact with you and arrange a visit.

Animal Welfare

As of 5th April SNC are responsible for primate licensing, if you have or own a monkey or other primate it now needs to be licensed. The rules for keeping a primate are strict, SNC have a policy in place. All vets are being contacted to make enquiries as to whether there are any in SNC.

Following on from the last Parish Council meeting Jeremy Payne has been reported to Enforcement regarding the covering of a field area with gravel.