

## **Report from Westleton Parish Council**

Although it's late in the day for introductions, I'll briefly introduce myself as the parish council's new clerk, having taken on the role in October 2025. I'll be looking after the monthly reports from the council going forwards. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at **clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk** if I can be of any assistance, and do feel free to read the comprehensive minutes of all Parish Council meetings, which are publicly available on the parish website. In addition, the next **Parish Council Surgery** will take place on Monday 26 April in the foyer of the village hall from 10:30 to 11:30 for anyone who wishes to meet councillors in person to discuss any issues outside of a formal meeting.

Firstly, Westleton's new **allotment** site was formally launched on 2 March. Huge thanks are due to Cllr Watson and Cllr Webber for their hard work in getting this project over the line. There are a just a couple of plots still available, with priority given to residents of Westleton. If you are interested in taking on a plot, please email **allotments@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk**.

Meanwhile at the **common**, the firebreaks and gorse have been cleared, and the acid grassland has been cut. Adders are now present and we advise dog walkers to now be especially vigilant.

Turning to **Sizewell and other energy projects**, following the submission of a joint letter by Westleton Parish Council together with neighbouring parishes and district councillors, a meeting was held on 4 March with Sizewell C, the County Council, and Suffolk Police to discuss concerns about traffic volumes and speeds on the B1125, with Sizewell C committing to consider speed limit changes and further traffic calming measures.

The **LionLink** consultation closed on 10 March, with Westleton's comments available to view at **[www.westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/energy-projects](http://www.westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/energy-projects)** along with lots of other useful updates and information about the major energy infrastructure projects affecting Westleton. The Planning Inspectorate examination of Sea Link is ongoing and Cllr Turner has drafted several papers covering accommodation, tourism, and transport concerns to complement several other papers submitted by the East Suffolk Communities Energy Partnership (ESCEP) Steering Group.

A new **Community Engagement** working group has been established as a joint venture between Westleton Parish Council, Westleton Village Hall, and Westleton Church of St Peter. The initial aim of the group is to draft a comprehensive village survey to take place over the summer in order to understand the community's needs and wishes, and in turn guide the work of the three organisations in the years to come.

Finally, with the announcement that County Council elections are to take place on 7 May, the parish council wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Cllr Richard Smith, who has indicated that he is to step down. The parish council is grateful for his several years of work representing Westleton.

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