

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to cancel the planned village picnic which was due to be held on Sunday July 6. This is a very busy time of the year for village clubs and our selected date fell between a number of other village events making it hard for clubs and individuals to commit. For a small village, we are blessed with a large number of very active clubs, and an unintended consequence of this very positive fact is that it seemed to us that the picnic was going to be an event too far... We do though hope that there is enthusiasm for a village event in future years.

The Parish Council has registered to be an *interested party* for the Planning Inspectorate's Examination of the Sea Link cabling and converter station project. In our submission, we stated our objection to the National Grid's Sea Link plans on the grounds that the project will generate more traffic on local roads already suffering from the Sizewell C construction; will result in more destruction of the local environment; will involve the construction of large industrial buildings completely disproportionate to the environment in which they are proposed to be sited; and called for a planning reset to prevent the needless destruction of the Suffolk heritage coastline and at the same time deliver the energy more efficiently and more appropriately to the point of use. The Parish Council will make these points in greater detail during the Hearings which will last 6 months.

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on June 30, 10-30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. The surgery is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns/ask questions to the Parish Council.

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