

Many thanks to all who completed the questionnaire about traffic calming measures in the village to mitigate the anticipated SZC construction traffic. Westleton Parish Council (WPC) is now collating the results and comments, and these will form the basis of discussions during the next meeting of the B1125 WG with EDF and the County and District Councils. The WPC will present the results and explain any further developments during the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on Tuesday April 30 in the Village Hall, starting at 7 pm. Refreshments will be available from 6.45 pm.

As mentioned in the February and March Yoxmere Fisherman, a Housing Needs survey will be distributed to all residents at the end of March/beginning of April. The survey is being conducted specifically to inform an application for some affordable housing in the village and is designed to gather views of residents and everyone with a strong connection to Westleton, either through work, family, or current or previous residency in the village. Therefore, if you know someone who lives outside the Parish who has a strong connection and may wish to move to or return to the Parish within the next few years please do ask them to contact the Parish Clerk on [westletonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:westletonclerk@gmail.com) to request a copy. It is important that the survey is completed by as many residents as possible so please do take the time to read and complete it.

As noted in the last Yoxmere Fisherman WPC text and the minutes of the Parish Council meetings (available on the Westleton website), with the ending of the Barrel Fair, the WPC has taken a decision to hold a village fete at some point during the summer months. WPC is setting up a Group to plan/organise the fete and we invite all residents who wish to participate in the Group to please contact the Parish Clerk on [westletonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:westletonclerk@gmail.com).

You may be aware that National Grid has proposed a number of on-shore cabling projects in East Suffolk. Each of these present the threat of more energy infrastructure and traffic impacts in the area. WPC has been making its views known through the various NG consultations over recent years – notably to express concern about the cumulative impact of all of these projects and SZC on the area. National Grid has just published a study which largely rejects the alternative and less intrusive option of off-shore cabling. Background to the study and the study itself can be found at: [www.nationalgrideso.com/document/304496/download](http://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/304496/download). National Grid has also just published its results of the 2023 consultation on the Lionlink interconnector cabling project where they state they favour either the Southwold and Reydon or the Walberswick landing options with the converter Station being located just to the east of Saxmundham. Each of these options would result in cabling being laid around the north and west side of Westleton. The document can be found at: [www.nationalgrid.com/document/151096/download](http://www.nationalgrid.com/document/151096/download).

You may have noticed that work is ongoing to repair the play equipment on the Community Field. This has taken longer than anticipated, but the expectation is that it will be completed before Easter.

The April Parish Council surgery in the Village Hall will be on Monday 22 April - 10.30-11.30. Please do feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors.

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