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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023 at 7:00PM

Present: Cllr J Bell, Cllr I Urwin, Cllr L Tacey, Cllr J Mew

Clerk - J Challis, RFO - S Budd, DC Cllr Warboys

Apologies: Cllr C Tranter, Cllr S Alexander

1 Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Tranter and Cllr Alexander were approved unanimously.

2 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda items

None received.

3 To received Requests for Dispensations on Agenda items

None received.

4 To resolve the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 are a true and correct record.

Parish Council Meeting minutes 20th March 2023: Cllr Bell proposed approval of the minutes as a true and correct record; seconded by Cllr Urwin and approved unanimously.

'In Camera' minutes 20th March 2023: Cllr Urwin proposed approval of the minutes as a true and correct record; seconded by Cllr Mew and approved unanimously.

5 Matters Arising/Update on actions from the 20th March 2023 Parish Council Meeting

All covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6 Report from County Councillor

A copy of CC CIIr Fleming's report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

7 Report from District Councillor

A copy of DC Cllr Warboy's report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

8 Public Participation Session (15 minutes set aside)

No members of the public present.

9 Chair's Report

• Cllr Bell attended BMSDC's Joint Local Plan Modifications Teams meeting, on Thursday 30th March, reporting that it was mainly focused on ensuring the modifications were understood, rather than being a question answering exercise.

10 Clerk's Report

- A remittance advice has been received from MSDC confirming payment of the first half of the precept, £6,588.18, plus a Parish CIL payment of £7,834.74 relating to planning applications DC/20/03152 and DC/22/05230.
- The second dog bin, received as part of MSDC's Welcome back Funding Initiative, has now been installed by Footpath 56.
- The grit bins and CCTV signage and are on MSDC's list of works to install, which they have confirmed they will do as soon as possible.
- Play equipment/surfacing CIL Bid Application due to the application being over £10,000 it needs to be approved by Cabinet at their next meeting in July, and therefore needs to be completed by mid-May. MSDC Infrastructure have confirmed that new VAS devices can be included, rather than a separate application being made in the May CIL Bid round.
- Noticeboard; no further update from the supplier regarding the condensation issues. Cllr Bell gave keys to Cllr Urwin and Cllr Tranter, and also the RFO. The Clerk already has a key.
- Play Inspection Report dated 18th January 2023: MSDC contacted the Play Inspection Company to ask why the inspection was conducted, given that Gislingham PC had advised we would be arranging our own inspection, and the contractors were present carrying out the works to the under 6 play area and resurfacing at the time the inspection was carried out. No further update from MSDC.
- Verges opposite the Lovells Development: the issues with potholes and ruts where the verges have eroded, have been reported to Lovells and Suffolk Highways.
- Litter picks: Mr Bryant has confirmed that Mendlesham Scouts are willing to organise the Spring litter pick each year. Gislingham Primary School have indicated that the school Conservation Group may be able to take on responsibility for the Autumn litter pick.
- War Memorial the grant application to the War Memorials Trust is still ongoing.
- Defibrillator no further updates.
- An email has been received from the Editor of the Messenger publication regarding the King's Coronation. The Editor has been approached by residents questioning why the village is not doing anything for the King's Coronation apart from the church picnic.
- The hedge encroaching on to the High Street has now been cut back.
- A resident emailed to report damage to the bridge on Mill Street. Highways are aware and have cordoned the area off whilst repairs are made.
- An email has been received from a resident making complaint of an air horn being sounded for excessive lengths of time. The Clerk has replied that concerns of this nature should be reported to the Police using their non-emergency 101 telephone number.

ACTION

- Clerk to ensure grit bins and CCTV signage are installed as soon as possible.
- Clerk to pursue complaint regarding the new noticeboard
- Clerk to pursue response regarding the annual Play Inspection Report
- Clerk to pursue report to Lovells Development and Highways regarding verges
- Clerk to confirm whether the School Conservation Group can take on responsibility for the Autumn litter pick
- Clerk to draft a response to the Editor of the Messenger, for Councillor's approval before sending

Approved response sent to the Editor of the Messenger:

As advised yesterday, and in response to your concerns regarding the King's Coronation, I included your email in my report at our meeting on Monday night.

Firstly, councillors were disappointed to hear that you have been receiving emails and comments from residents, when no one has approached me directly as the first point of contact for the Parish Council. The Parish Council funded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events 9 months ago. However, we were not directly involved in the organisation of the events, this was undertaken by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee, which was not connected to the Council. Likewise the Summer Fair was previously organised by the Summer Fair Committee, and not the Parish Council. The Parish Council currently has three vacancies, but as with the annual Litter Picks, it is difficult to find volunteers who are willing to take the lead in organising events, if we do not have the capability to do so ourselves. Furthermore we have not been approached by any organisations within the village for funding towards the King's Coronation weekend.

The Parish Council has just installed new play equipment and carried out resurfacing to the play area on Charity Meadow, at a cost of £36,868.80, and contributed £4,595.00 towards the new running track at the School, for the benefit of the whole community. These were both funded using our CIL monies.

The funding we provided for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had to come out of precept monies. When setting the Budget for 2023/24, Councillors were mindful that they did not wish to increase the precept requested, which directly impacts resident's council tax rates. Therefore taking into account the funding provided for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and also the improvements to the play area at Charity Meadow, and the running track contribution, it was agreed not to set aside funds for the King's Coronation, and the precept requested actually saw a council tax band D reduction of 20.32%.

We cannot comment on events being organised by other parishes, or on behalf of Gislingham Village Hall Committee, Gislingham CE Primary School, or the Summer Fair Committee. The Parish Council is pleased to see the Coronation Picnic being organised by Gislingham PCC, which we encourage residents to support and enjoy.

11 RFO's Report

- A summary of reserves, receipts and payments, and a bank reconciliation, all to 31st
 March 2023, were sent to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Tranter has conducted an audit of the last quarter of 2022/23 and confirmed all is in order.
- Payroll year end has been completed.
- Budget Monitoring: the only item with a variance on 2021/22 over 15% is the street-lighting. This is not unexpected taking into account the energy price increases.
- CIL Expenditure Report sent to councillors in advance of the meeting, and approved unanimously. Cllr Bell then signed the report.
- The RFO is checking whether the Parish Council's insurance policy includes cover for the new surfacing to the play area, or if this is something that cannot be insured.

ACTION

- RFO to submit signed and completed CIL Expenditure Report to MSDC
- RFO to advise councillors on insurance policy as above

Cllr Bell thanked the RFO and the Clerk for their hard work.

7:44pm DC Cllr Warboys left the meeting

12 Audit Plan & Terms of Reference Approval

Sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. Approval proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Tacey and approved unanimously.

Cllr Bell asked when the audit will commence. The RFO said she will liaise with the auditor to ensure he has all the required documents now that the Audit Plan and Terms of Reference have been approved.

13 Neighbourhood Watch Report (Clerk)

The April Neighbourhood Watch Report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

14 Footpath Warden's Report (Martyn Bryant)

The Footpath Warden confirmed prior to the meeting that there are no updates to his February 2023 report.

15 SID (Speed Indicator Device) Report

The March SID report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

16 New Speed Indicator Devices, including approval of updated quotations

The Clerk obtained three quotations with up-to-date pricing for the new VAS devices, which were sent to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed their preferred options in order for the costs to be included within the CIL Bid application for the play equipment (as per agenda item 10 Clerk's Report). Councillors expressed preference for the option for the device to display a 'SLOW DOWN' message instead of a happy/sad face. Final approval of the exact model will be agreed at the May meeting, upon confirmation that a 'SLOW DOWN' message can be provided by the preferred supplier.

ACTION - Clerk to add to the May 2023 agenda

17 Elections 4th May 2023

The Clerk delivered completed nomination forms from councillors wishing to stand for election to the mobile Electoral station in Eye on Friday 24^{th} March. Notification of an uncontested election has been received and published. The 9^{th} May is when retiring councillors stand down, and the new council takes office.

18 Annual Village Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting Arrangements 2023

The Annual Meetings will be held on Monday 15th May. The Annual Village Meeting will start at 6pm in the Village Hall. Annual reports will be invited from organisations within the village, and the Watson Bowl and Volunteer of the Year awards for 2022 will be presented. Light refreshments will be served at the end of this meeting. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will start at 7pm. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting the Chair and Vice Chair for 2023/24 will be appointed. The Chair of the Staffing Panel will also be appointed, and Councillors will discuss whether they wish to have a Planning and Finance Committee, and confirm the meeting dates for the forthcoming year.

19 Expiry of Allotment Agreement with GAGA in May 2023

The RFO has been advised by the solicitor acting on behalf of the Landowner, that the Landowner is prepared to extend the lease for 10 years, with no changes to the terms of the current Agreement. They are happy for the payment to come directly from GAGA, but would like the Agreement to continue to be held with the Parish Council. The Clerk will take advise from SALC regarding the Council's management duties detailed in the Agreement, before a final decision is made after the election period.

ACTION - Clerk to speak to SALC as above

20 CIL Fund Application from Village Hall for purchase of a marquee

A CIL Fund Application was previously received from the Village Hall, and approval of £600.00 towards a new marquee was agreed at the 18^{th} October 2021 meeting. The Village Hall did not proceed with purchase of the marquee, so the CIL fund payment was not made to the Village Hall, and at the meeting on 21^{st} November 2022 it was agreed that a new application would need to be made due to the amount of time elapsed.

A new application has now been made by the Village Hall, in which it is requested that the Parish Council purchase the marquee in order to reclaim the VAT. The Village Hall will provide storage, but the marquee will be owned by the Parish Council.

Councillors discussed the request, raising concerns that there is already one marquee, possibly two, stored at the Village Hall, therefore questioning the need for another one to be purchased. A councillor who joined the Parish Council after the initial approval was given at the 18th October 2021, was particularly keen to understand the need for a new marquee.

ACTION - Clerk to ask the Village Hall for a more detailed reason for their new application, as pointed out above that there is already possibly two marquees

21 To consider quotations for cutting of the footpaths 2023

Deferred to the next meeting. The Footpath Warden has confirmed that the first cut is not required until the end of May.

22 Planning

DC/23/01477 - APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S)
PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - Proposal: Application for Works to a tree
subject to Tree Preservation Order MS283/T£ - Fell 1no Ash. Location: Oak Lodge,
Finningham Road, Gislingham, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 8JG.

After discussing, councillors agreed unanimously that they have no objection to this planning application.

ACTION – Clerk to add no objection comment to MSDC Planning Portal

23 Finance

Payment	Amount	Proposed by	Seconded by	Approval
Admin Payment for April 2023 (Clerk	£816.46	Cllr Bell	Cllr Urwin	Unanimous
& RFO)				
Clerk mileage expenses (April 2023 PC	£8.55	Cllr Urwin	Cllr Mew	Unanimous
meeting)				
Clerk mileage expenses to deliver	£2.04	Cllr Mew	Cllr Tacey	Unanimous
Nomination Forms to Eye (total ex-				
penses shared with 2 other PCs)				
Hire of Village Hall (March 2023 PC	£20.00	Cllr Tacey	Cllr Bell	Unanimous
meeting)				
SALC Annual Subscription	£467.53	Cllr Urwin	Cllr Mew	Unanimous
Inn House Technology – SIM card for	£25.00	Cllr Tacey	Cllr Bell	Unanimous
CCTV				

The RFO raised cheques for all payments, which were signed by Cllr Bell and Cllr Urwin, as all cheques need to be signed by two signatories.

24 Training

SALC New Councillor Training dates will be announced after the May elections.

25 Policies and Reports

Website Accessibility Statement

The Website Accessibility Statement was reviewed by Councillors.

ACTION – Clerk to update review date of Website Accessibility Statement

26 IN CAMERA (Watson Bowl and Volunteer of the Year nominations)

This item was held 'In Camera' due to the confidential nature of the discussion.

27 Date of next meeting

The Date of the Annual Village Meeting is 15^{th} May 2023 at 6pm in Gislingham Village Hall, followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:32 pm

District Councillor's Report for Gislingham Ward: Mellis, Gislingham, Thornham, `Wortham & Burgate, Wickham Skeith Parish Councils

April 2023

Voter ID

The local elections 4thMay will be the first occasion that Photographic ID will be required at polling stations.

Polling station staff are going to make judgements on whether voters' ID looks legitimate. Voters may be turned away if the presiding officer determines that the Photo ID presented does not show a good likeness.

The name on the ID presented must match exactly the name on the register of voters. Full information on what are acceptable forms of Photo ID and how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate are available on the government's website:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

Voter Registration deadline: 17th April

Voters can also apply by post – Deadline for application 18th April.

End of Term Report

Mid Suffolk District Gains

Gained agreement on a £2 million investment in energy efficiency measures in the 2023/24 budget.

Gained cross party support for information on sewage discharges to be part of the planning process

Ensured Neighbourhood Plans are acted on by questioning legal advice received at Mid Suffolk. Successfully proposed a motion against the introduction of Voter ID in the Elections Bill Gained budget approval for two community electric buses

Successfully proposed a motion to review access to green spaces

Gained unanimous support for a motion to develop a biodiversity strategy

Ensured planning developments now contain wildlife friendly features such as swift boxes, hedgehog highways and bat boxes as the norm

Successfully proposed a motion for wildlife friendly street-lighting

Initiated the Tree for Life scheme whereby every new parent gets a tree to plant for their child

The changing makeup of the council resulted in support for "greener" initiatives and as part of which a cross-party Climate Change Task Group was formed and £500,000 was set aside to deal with this.

District Council Rates frozen, first unit sold to The Range at Gateway 14, New Director of HRA – improved monitoring of repairs and necessary updates, Joint Local Plan will be completed autumn, this year, >10 years housing supply. Cifco conservatively managed, EV and battery storage installed at Stowmarket Leisure Centre, funds to support energy crisis and social needs. Plans for new Health and Leisure Centre in Stowmarket well advanced. Planning Department Review and Action Plan developed, Whole Council Review, planned improvements include on line access.

A climate Change Manager appointed, Sept 22.

After representations from Councillors in affected wards the Cabinet drew up a strong response objecting to the proposed pylon route.

Cost of Living Crisis

Winter Warmth funding supported 62 projects across B&MSDC's. 82 vulnerable adults were supported with housing costs through the Household Support Grant last round of funding, 142

will be helped through the current round via the Household Support Fund. Foodbanks, pantries and pop up shops have been mapped on the Suffolk Community Directory:

https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/results.page?qt=foodbanks&term=&sort-type=relevance

Much more information: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits/cost-of-living-support/i-need-help/

Council Meeting 23rd Feb 2023

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023/24 AND FOUR-YEAROUTLOOK was approved by the full council, including the recommendation that: "at the General Fund Budget for 2023/24 is based on no increase to the Band D Council Tax," together with an amendment proposed by the Green and Lib Dem Group: "That council ring-fences £2 million from the Strategic Transformation and Infrastructure Reserve and other unspent reserves such as the Strategic Priorities – Housing Reserve to tackle the energy, cost of living and climate crises in Mid Suffolk."

MSDC only retains 9 pence of every £1.00. council tax collected. 4p – Parish councils, 13p – Police and Crime commissioner, 74p – SCC.

It is worth noting that: "The budget setting approach for 2022/23 recognised that the Council has tended to underspend the budget that has been set in recent years, primarily due to additional income being received. Managers have traditionally used a worst-case scenario when putting their budget proposals together. Amalgamating these assumptions across the whole organisation has, in recent years, resulted in under-spends." So," For 2022/23 stretching, but realistic, assumptions were used when putting budget proposals together across both expenditure and income. However, global events, rising inflation and interest rates have created an unprecedented financial challenge for the Council resulting in a likely overspend against budget." That will be met by reducing the 23/24 contribution to "The Growth and Efficiency Fund" to £3.158m (to be known as Strategic Transformation Infrastructure Fund).

There is a new fund – Community Development Fund - 500kthepurpose of which is to provide financial support to local communities and organisations in the district with the delivery of local place-based initiatives and activities, where gaps in provision have been identified.

HRA Budget agreed – includes a 7% increase in rents – there has been an increase of 46% in the total cost of service.

RTB – "The money received from RTB sales can only be used as a 40% contribution towards the cost of a replacement home. The remaining 60% of the replacement cost must be found from other HRA resources."

A new joint depot for council operations is to be investigated as the current ones no longer fit for purpose.

Finally SHELF – We were updated on the ongoing development of the full business case for the Stowmarket, health, education, and leisure facility (SHELF) scheme. There has been significant progress on the scheme since the Cabinet report in June 2022.1.2 and It was agreed to fund further progress including submitting a full planning application, detailed design, and full cost plan for the scheme to the amount of £250,000 from the Growth and Efficiency Fund.

The facilities currently include: 3G football pitch Mini athletics track Sport pavilion Well-being hub Two multi use games areas A new 4 sport courts hall Improvement to all grass pitches Community track Outdoor provision (trim trail and children play area) Additional parking at the Wellbeing hub and pavilion.

Holiday Activity & Food Programme

Eligibility

Holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals (FSM,15% of the funding available can be used for children and young people who do not meet the free school meal criteria but are in need. All holiday provision is encouraged to be available for any children not receiving free schools meals who can pay to attend. There is a voucher code in place to enable FSM children to book onto the activities, this process happens each School Holiday. .

Easter programme 2023 The provision for Easter is currently being put together, with the programme due to start on Saturday 1st April for a two week period. Schools are asked to refer eligible children.

https://sway.office.com/fvS8xvpnILaeEgMW?ref=email

Eye 6th April: 8-12 yrs outdoor cooking plus family food box.

Botesdale 5th and 12th April: 6-11 yrs multi sports

Council Meeting Monday 20th March

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders also agreed to fund a new Supported Food Network. It willwork with new and existing food outlets, including food banks, providing more stock and ensuring a range of enhanced support is available to meet local needs. It will also focus on early help and prevention, upskilling, and additional support around benefits. SPSL agreed £1.5million funding over three years for this project, led by the Collaborative Communities Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report: included a Review of Culture, Heritage and Visitor Economy and a request that the Director for Planning and Building Control and the Chief Planning Officer consider arrangements to provide adequate training and mentoring opportunities for all planning staff with a view to providing an improved level of pre-appservice to improve current low levels of satisfaction.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CILEXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK - FIFTH REVIEW MARCH 2023 key point: CIL monies collected need to be spent. Encourage greater spending of CIL(including Neighbourhood CIL). No 100% funding requests for CIL Bids by Parishes/Community groups for community infrastructure. Maximum limit of £100,000 and 75% (of the total costs) for CIL Bids (per project/CIL Bid) for infrastructure submitted by Parishes or Community groups with the exception of sporting leisure or recreation facilities

Eg. Eligibility for green infrastructure (Infrastructure which reduces the carbon footprint) – currently EV charging points are supported for up to 100% of project costs with a community infrastructure threshold of £100,000 together with other types of community infrastructure such as District CIL funding for upgrades or additionality for community buildings Footpaths and cycleways.

DRAFT JOINT LOCAL PLANNING ENFORCEMENTPLAN 2023

Approach: "We place great importance on using our planning powers to protect and enhance our environment whilst making sure that development improves the economic prosperity and quality of life for all those who live, work and visit our districts. We recognise that the integrity of, and public confidence in, our planning and enforcement process is built upon our commitment to take effective action against unauthorised development. We will therefore investigate and take proportionate action where we consider that the planning issue causes unacceptable harm to the public interest. We have reviewed our Enforcement Plan to make it more succinct, to ensure our process is clear and accessible, so that our customers know what they can expect from us once a complaint has been made......It is a common misconception that a breach of planning control is a criminal offence and should automatically attract enforcement action. This is not the case and central Government guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) clearly sets out that enforcement powers are discretionary. In all cases we expect that any action we take will be commensurate with the nature, scale and planning impact of the breach. It may not, for example, be in the public interest to take action against minor technical breaches that have only a small impact. In each and every case we will aim to take action proportionate to the public interest where it is expedient to do so.

Cllr. Rowland Warboys (Green Party) MSDC

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County Councillor Report



April 2023

Gislingham Parish Council

Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division Tel. 07714-597980 Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk

Primary School Place Allocations – offers for primary school places have been made as of April 17th for the year starting in September 2023. Of 7,056 applications received, 96% received offers for their first preference schools. The Passenger Transport Team will contact parents by 12 May 2023 to confirm eligibility and how to opt-in for funded school travel. Any parents who may not have heard but think their child may be eligible should contact us on 0345 606 6173.

Suffolk County Council Post-16 Travel Policy – this will come to cabinet on 18th April for approval. The policy applies to those 16 – 18 years or 19 if continuing a course. The Council is proposing to increase charges for transport by £30/year bringing it up to £960/year for a mainstream student. For further details refer to Agenda Item 5 in the following link: Meeting Documents - Committee Minutes (suffolk.gov.uk)

New Police & Fire Station for Stowmarket - A new police and fire station off Needham Road, Stowmarket (B1120/B1113 junction) has now opened – providing the facilities needed to enable efficient, effective, and environmentally responsible emergency services for Suffolk. The project was made possible by funding of £1.24m from central government and a £431k contribution from Mid Suffolk District Council through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Suffolk Walking Festival Opens Again - Tickets are on sale now for The Suffolk Walking Festival 2023 as it celebrates its 15th year. This year's festival boasts a 16-day programme and offers over 70 walks across 350 miles of Suffolk's beautiful landscapes. With lots of weekend, evening and family walks. The programme has accessible, short, medium, long-distance walks, and more challenging walks. Visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk for more details.

Promoting Physical Activity - The Council recently invested £26,000 for Active Suffolk to extend the Daily Mile programme and £30,000 to extend the Fit Villages initiative for a further 12 months. More information about the physical activity offer in Suffolk can be found at www.activesuffolk.org

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GISLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT APRIL 2023

Jane Challis - Parish Clerk

Rickinghall - attempted burglary and theft

Police are reminding residents living in rural communities to be vigilant following a number of crimes in rural areas in the west of the county.

On Saturday evening, 25 March between 8pm and 11pm, a pair of cast iron urns, painted white and weathered were stolen from a garden on Mill Lane Rickinghall. Due to the weight of the urns, it is believed a vehicle would have been used to transport the items away. Ref: 37/17922/23

If you have any information about either of these incidents please contact Suffolk police quoting the relevant crime reference numbers via –

Website - Complete an existing report update form

Email - ccc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Phone - Call 101

Alternatively contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their <u>online form</u>

Please note in the event of an emergency you should always call 999.

East Suffolk - Thefts of GPS farm equipment

Police are appealing for farmers to remain vigilant following a series of thefts of GPS equipment in Eye, Bedingfield and Friston.

The first took place overnight at some point between 7pm on 29 March and 7am on 30 March when a farm in Friston had three GPS trackers and 3 Pro 700 screens taken from three different tractors. Around 300 litres of Ad Blue was also drained out of a container. (crime ref: 37/18531/23) The total value of the equipment stolen was around £15,000.

The second incident took place overnight from Monday 3 April at 9pm to Tuesday 4 April at 7.15am at a farm in Bedingfield when three GPS screens, a total control screen and three GPS domes were stolen from three tractors. (37/19528/23)

The third incident took place at some point between 4pm on Monday 3 April and 7am

