

Palgrave

Palgrave is a picturesque village of around 900 people located about a mile south of Diss with a centrally located small Victorian Primary School and the ancient St Peter's Church. It has a spectacular Green, with its wide, grassy expanse, village pond and many magnificent, protected Plane trees which, along with a number of historic buildings and heritage assets form a designated conservation area. Traditional building materials used throughout the village include red and white brick, timber framing, flint and stone (particularly in the church and its prominent perimeter wall), black weatherboarding, render and pantiles.

The eclectic mix of historic properties, school, green, community centre (and bar), playing field and play area has helped the village to retain a strong sense of character and an active local community. Its location within close proximity to the Waveney Valley and surrounding countryside (including a designated SSSI) gives easy access to nature and recreational activities. Although there are no shops in the village, a scenic 15 minute walk through The Lowes gives access to the historic market town of Diss which offers a diverse range of shops, cafes, leisure and other amenities, including Diss Train Station with regular links to London and Norwich.

The streets in Palgrave show a mixed pattern of permeability and a number of cul-de-sacs on tertiary roads connect with them. The street scene comprises a mixture of scales and architectural styles. Together however, there is a sense of rhythm, harmony and balance, which should be maintained in any future development. Lion Road, becoming Rose Lane and Priory Road are the main routes through the village and as with all vehicle routes through villages it is considered that traffic control and management are important as speeding vehicles are problematic.



Local Issues raised:

- Vehicles speeding through the village
- Availability of facilities and amenities as the village continues to grow e.g. arrangements for increasing numbers at the primary school, expansion of the community centre
- The management of development to ensure the character of the village is maintained



Diss Steering Group representative:

Bec Dingle

I've lived in Diss all my life, and work for Royal Mail delivering to Diss and neighbouring villages. I joined Diss Town Council as a Councillor in 2004 as I wanted to shape the place where I live. Through my council role I was and am able to endeavour to make our town a better place to live. Over time Diss has changed particularly with regard to new development and infrastructure. In my time on the Town Council I have been Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee, now the Infrastructure Committee. I have sat on various committees/groups for different projects in the town. My proudest moment however was being elected first Deputy in 2006 but then Town Mayor a year later, which I was for two years and the youngest Mayor at 36 years old in Diss's history. In

2019 I was elected Council Leader. I have been passionate about Diss and the surrounding villages for some time and decided to join the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in 2018.

My aim is for Diss and the villages to grow in a reasonable manner and receive good quality development in the right places. Only by the parishes working together I believe we can achieve this.