

## **Report for Nedging with Naughton PC 9/1/18 Robert Lindsay County Councillor**

### **30mph speed limit extension on B1078 to Wallow Lane junction**

The speed panel did not accept the joint pleas of myself and Cllr Whybrow of the need for a 30mph limit and for it to be extended further past Ivy Cottage. However, they did agree to a 40mph extension. They also agreed that there should be marks on the road warning of the bus stop and associated signage at the side of the road. I believe this is a gain for the village. It is extremely rare for them to agree any lower limits anywhere.

### **Speed gun**

I have agreed to contribute £750 towards the purchase a speed gun for the new village Speedwatch team and the county council should be in touch with your chairman shortly.

### **School bus travel cuts**

The county council has now gone to consultation with this proposal. Myself and other councillors in my group voted to send their initial proposal back to cabinet for a rethink. The change they have made is that they are not recommending any particular option out of a) do nothing b) phase the cuts in c) implement them at once. The consultation is open until the end of February. Available online here [www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel) and there are open meetings at Eye, Cornard and Bury, details on the website.

### **Nursery funding in Suffolk – county to pass on an extra £1m**

I'm delighted to report it looks as though the county has listened to opposition voices (including mine) on this issue. Back in October I and other opposition councillors backed a motion calling for the county to pass on more of the cash it receives from central Govt for supporting nursery schools. It currently retains 6.8% (amounting to £2m). It meant people running nurseries had just £3.87 an hour. This was voted down by the Conservative administration after cabinet members said they needed the money for administrative purposes. However there is now a proposal before the schools forum this week to retain just 3.8% of the funding. If approved, this will allow the base rate payments to nursery providers for 3-4 year olds to increase from £3.87 an hour to £4. Because the county is retaining less, it is proposing to cut the telephone service it offers nursery providers by encouraging a move to online communication.