

District councillors report to 20 September 2020

Planning update – The Inspectors appeal on 10 Ipswich Road has now gone live and anyone wishing to comment in writing should do so to the appeal Inspector and details are on the MSDC website planning reference DC/19/04807 appeal reference number APP/W3520/W20/3254926.

What fantastic news that Debenham Parish Council came second in a National Competition for their Neighbourhood Plan and MSDC helped a joint press release which was picked up by the Diss Express. All credit to the working group, PC and of course the community for their support

There is an online survey regarding the Gateway 14 Project which I would recommend you take a few minutes to complete. It can be found under www.g14yoursay.co.uk and runs till 31st October.2020. For those of you who are not aware MSDC have purchased a large piece of land opposite the Tesco Store Stowmarket as employment land. There is great excitement as to how this can be developed offering many jobs for the local community. Please take a look at a leaflet I have asked the Debenham Parish Council to publish on their website.

Another survey with regard to the Governments latest white paper on Planning. Everyone can have their say and I would recommend that they do. I have been working with the Officers and members of the Planning working group in formulating a response as to how it will directly affect the working of the planners and its implications. The Council's response is contained in the Council Papers for this weeks Annual Council meeting pages 97 – 108. Your own comments will be greatly appreciated and taken into account and I am sure the Parish Council will be sending in their comments too. The consultation can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> and lasts 12 weeks from 6 August and I make that 31 October.

Our Housing Solutions team were successful in obtaining £100,000 between Babergh and Mid Suffolk for our vulnerable residents and keeping them off the streets for this winter. Last year we only received £2500 so great news there.

Of course we have the updates on Covid and I am sure the Winter is going to be challenging for All but we must keep safe.

As Ever I have been taking virtual Planning and Licensing meetings and this week will be no exception with a day training session on licensing on Friday. In between I deal with all enquiries and can be contacted in the usual way on

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