

District Councillor Report – May 2023

Dear All

I was so happy when realising I had been elected on 5th May.

Thank you to all those who voted, your vote remains the most important part of our democracy. I wanted to start off by introducing myself and providing my contact details should anyone need them. You may already know, I live and work part-time in Debenham and my daughter attends the local high school. I can now be contacted on:-

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I have set aside lots of time each week to ensure that my ward is looked after.

I want to ensure good working relationships between Mid Suffolk District Council, our residents and both the Parish Councils within my ward and the County Council. I feel clear communication brings forth successful endeavours.

After meeting some lovely, switched on people in my ward with a wealth of experience and expertise I already have many things to think about and I would be happy to receive any further comments from anyone in the ward on these items (or anything else). On my list of things to look into for my ward so far are:-

Parking, Roads and Sustainable Travel

Can we have off road cycle & walking paths to reach specific destinations?

Should cycles have a licence?

Can the speeding, use of 'rat runs' be looked into around Debenham, especially around the schools?

Parking is a problem for businesses in Debenham

Congestion is a problem especially during the start of school and the end of school at hot spots in Debenham.

Potholes, and large areas of road in Debenham left to disrepair need to be fixed.

Hedging planted by SCC – are these biodegradable plastic tubes?

Planning & the Environment

Can planning ensure new architecture and materials are designed in keeping with the village and using a low carbon footprint?

Will environmental factors become more important and required from developers putting in plans?

Will enforcement improve on existing developments?

Has the pathway issues been resolved in respect of the new development on Aspell Rd and the Cemetery? Concerns were raised here in respect of Headstones, Trees and the tranquillity of the spot.

Care for the Environment

Is there a Tree count in Suffolk?

Continual leaking of Water down Gracechurch St.

Concern for a dying Oak Tree on Gracechurch St.

What's being done with Mid Suffolk owned land in Debenham?

Can TPO's (Tree Preservation Orders) have a £500,000 or more fine?

Public Safety

Concern for specific areas of Debenham being used for drug dealing

Business in and around Debenham

Should a Debenham small business Association be formed with a view to providing information to parish and other councils to help improve opportunities for local business to grow?

Are there going to be tax breaks/business rate improvements or incentives for those working within an environmentally friendly business, such as reusing, refurbishment & repair?

All of these will be looked into and reported back to those who raised them. If anyone would like to find out more, raise their own questions, or get involved please contact me directly. I am hoping to provide a report each month to keep you updated.

All the best

Cllr Teresa Davis

Debenham Ward

Mid Suffolk District Council