District Councillors report to 16 October 2019

Planning –

A new application for 7 dwellings (previously 8) on the site 10 Ipswich has been received and I note will be debated at the Parish Council on Monday 21st October.

There have been a number of applications for Cooks Retreat and due to legal re- wording the fresh application under DC/19/04527 will now be debated on 21st October.

People have noted some clearance work on land on Low Road. An owner of land can clear a site and reduce it to soil if they want without permission. If they happen to break any rules regarding protected species that is their risk and a matter for the police if needed. However, if they have an ecologist on board I am sure they will be adhering to relevant rules. If there are TPO’s or any of the area is in a conservation area then notification or consent would be needed. It is not illegal or a planning consideration to do this as the planners only get involved when an application is submitted.

There is also an application in KENTON for up to 32 houses on Anchor Storage site and that is being debated at the Parish Meeting for Kenton on 22nd October but I wanted to flag it up as traffic may impact on Debenham and surrounding areas.

In an even wider area but within Mid Suffolk District, planning permission has been granted to transform the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 much needed affordable homes.

Also to demonstrate improvements within Mid Suffolk District area a 2 storey extension to Botesdale Health Centre has been achieved using CIL monies and a successful bid.

I am sure your County Councillor will update you on Highways issues but Winston and Pettaugh are subject to hedge and tree works between Monday 4th November and Friday 8th November on the A1120 from Pettaugh to Winston Boundary Corner between 9.30 and 3.30 and they will of course impact our residents in Debenham and surrounding villages.

Free Swimming has once again been offered for under 17’s during half term (19 – 27 October) and Christmas holidays (20 December – 5 January inclusive at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swimming Pool

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