

## **DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Meeting held Monday 15 September 2008**

Two vacancies have occurred on the Council due to the resignations of Mrs Carol Hellier and Mr Ken Fenton. Members expressed their thanks to both Carol and Ken for their work on the Council, and to Carol for having been caretaker of our trees and greens over the last 4 years.

There was already one other vacancy due to the resignation of Mr Michael Whayman earlier in the year. Having been a dedicated member of the public at meetings for many years, Mrs Shirley Dalison, expressed her interest in joining the Council. Mrs Dalison was duly co-opted and welcomed to the Council.

Members had listened to reports from County Cllr Eddy Alcock and District Cllr Mrs Kathy Guthrie on the Boundary Committee proposals for Suffolk. Our Members decided upon the recommendation that Suffolk remains as one unitary authority, including Lowestoft, but some concerns were raised over the make of the proposed community boards that would be serving areas locally.

During the public session Mr Tony Hutt proposed the re-introduction of the Debenham Welcome Pack for new residents (and existing).

Mr Hutt put forward suggestions for the content, funding, production, distribution and the resources needed. Members welcome the proposal, thanked Mr Hutt for his work so far and offered to work with him.

The item will be included on a future agenda for further discussion.

The nettles and grass at the old URC burial ground have now been strimmed and cut back. There was a delay with this for some unknown reason. Members will monitor and ensure it is maintained in the future, as will the grass at the new Urn Garden.

The next Saturday Morning Surgery will be held on 4 October, 10.30am – 12 noon at Dove Cottage. A small number of Councillors will be present to listen to any concerns raised by parishioners.

Please call in, one or two new Councillors will be present, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet them.

#### **Next meetings:**

Saturday Morning Surgery – 4 October 2008 – 10.30 – 12noon

Planning Monday 13 October 2008

Full Council Monday 20 October 2008