

Summary of the April 2008 meetings of Debenham Parish Council (PC)

Police Report. Since 17th March 2008 there have been 4 reported crimes in Debenham. These include criminal damage and theft of a coat from the leisure centre.

Everyone is reminded to be vigilant and to check the levels of their heating oil tanks regularly, many people are not discovering their heating oil has been taken until their boiler runs dry. Please consider putting locks on oil tanks and inform the police of any vehicles or people which may be acting in a suspicious manner. As the nights grow lighter and milder there may be an increased temptation for some young people to congregate in areas such as The Lakes and The Leisure Centre whilst being in possession of alcohol. Experience tells us that some young people who are under 18 years of age obtain their alcohol from home. Parents should check their children are not helping themselves to the family alcohol, either for themselves or for friends. Could parents also confirm the location of their children's parties or sleepovers as last summer we found young people occasionally sleeping rough in Debenham.

Planning Applications

Retrospective application for work underway at 31 Chancery Lane. *Not Supported* due to loss of light into neighbouring property

The Pharmacy – proposed air conditioning unit and screening – *Not Supported* due to increased noise to adjacent businesses and first floor dwelling

Accounts. The end of year accounts have been completed, they will now go to audit. The finances for the year have gone largely to plan with income exceeding expenses and reserves are sound.

Topics raised at April Parish Surgery. A number of issues relating to vandalism, antisocial behaviour and car parking will be forwarded to the police for action. The congestion caused by the bus which parks at the Primary School will be raised with Ipswich Buses. Some cars are using the walkway from The Meadows into Low Road - the developer will be asked to prevent this. Dumping of garden waste in the water course along Low Road has started again. MSDC inspectors have said that they will issue spot fines of £80 for fly tipping and ask for incidents to be reported to them.

Vacancies on Council As there were no candidates for election for the existing vacancy, it can now be filled by cooption. Two further resignations have been received this month and five more members stated that they would not be standing for Council in May. Council requires at least five of the thirteen seats to be filled to remain operational.

Date of Next Meetings :

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 12th May 08

Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th May 08

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