

## **DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 14 March 2016**

**District Councillor (Kathie Guthrie):** Mid Suffolk has set its budget for 2016/17 – residents in Band D properties will face a rise in their council tax of just under 6p per week (2.97 a year) equating to 1.9% increase. It was regrettable to make this increase but the Council is facing significant decrease in core funding from Central Government.

**Planning:** Applications **4374/15 and 4375/15 The Angel Inn, 5 High Street**, for partial change of use, erection of first floor extension to re-instate former two storey rear wing and former separate dwelling, internal alterations including the relocation of toilet facilities, to retain the public house as a community facility (revised scheme to that submitted under ref. 2494/14 and 2475/14)- At the Planning Committee meeting, members voted unanimously against the application and it was refused. The applicants have the opportunity to appeal against the decision and the Inspector can decide how any appeal is to be heard.

**“Clean for the Queen”:** The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Joy Walton for all her hard work in organising and taking part in the event on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. A big thank you also to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

**Dog Fouling:** Yes, I am afraid this perennial anti-social behaviour is back! It is such a shame that year after year, regardless of how many appeals are made and how much council tax money is spent on buying dog bins and paying for them to be emptied, some dog owners still think it's acceptable to not clean after their dogs!!! Do these inconsiderate dog owners realise that they can be reported to Mid Suffolk District Council and, if convicted, can face a fine of up to £1000? It's our village, so let's look after it and we may as well start by reporting these people to the authorities. You can do so anonymously, directly to MSDC, or via the Parish Clerk. Dog poo can cause environmental and health problems, including the transmission of diseases and viruses, such as Tapeworms, Parvo, Corona, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Campylobacteriosis and Cryptosporidiosis, to name but a few.

Inconsiderate owners, be warned- the Parish Council is in the process of considering the installation of CCTV in Debenham in order to identify the culprits.

**Woodland and Lakes:** The next working party is planned to take place Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10am. Anyone is welcome and your help will be most appreciated. Don't forget the sturdy shoes and gloves!

**Allotments:** Parishioners are advised that there are still a limited number of allotment plots available to let. The Allotment Committee will carry out the first inspection of the allotments at the end of April, so hopefully our tenants will have time over the Easter break to start getting their plots ready for the growing season.

**The Parish Council would like to wish all the Debenham residents a Happy Easter!**

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**Date of next Meeting: April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**