

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 21 November 2016

District Councillor K Guthrie: “Devolution-Part of the Norwich councils have voted against this but Suffolk still continues despite Norfolk’s withdrawal.

I attended the AGM of the Citizens advice Bureau and have a booklet on the achievements. Debenham is mentioned in positive terms and I know I have signposted a couple of people to it who had tried to get hold of the Ipswich Branch and didn’t realise the Debenham Outreach existed. Thanks to the PC for their donation and they are mentioned in the Accounts specifically as a donor as well as in their booklet”.

County Cllr M Hicks: Suffolk Record Office project – award finalist

Suffolk County Council is delighted to announce that its Suffolk Record Office project – ‘Preserving Suffolk’s Digital Assets’ is a finalist for The National Archives Award for Safeguarding the Digital Legacy in the prestigious Digital Preservation Awards 2016.

Be Safe and Seen in Suffolk - Thousands of children to receive free safety reflectors

Suffolk County Council is working in partnership with BBC Radio Suffolk to launch a new road safety campaign this autumn – ‘Be Safe and Seen in Suffolk.’ The campaign will see over 12,000 badge reflectors given to primary school aged children, which can be worn on their coats or backpacks to reflect the beam of vehicles in darker conditions to ensure that children are seen as they walk with friends and parents.

Highways and Parking: A number of incidents of inconsiderate parking and parking on greens/grass verges had been reported to the Parish Council and it was agreed that further “No parking” signs would be commissioned and deployed in areas of concern.

Street furniture: It was agreed that the bus stop bench (top of Water Lane) would be sanded down and re-varnished; that a new bin would be placed at the junction of Henniker Road and Gracechurch Street and that the public conveniences would be equipped with a new PIR lighting system outside.

Website: Business owners were encouraged to use the free advertising facility on the Parish Council website, particularly in the run up to Christmas.

Contracts and tenders: The Parish Council will soon be advertising the contract specifications for the various contracts in the village, which include litter picking, bin

emptying, grass cutting and public convenience cleaning. If you are interested please get in touch with the Clerk.

Grit bins: Volunteers who usually help with placing grit on our roads from the bins provided are kindly asked to register with the Parish Clerk, so that they are covered by the Suffolk County Council insurance.

Allotments: Parishioners are advised that there are still a limited number of allotment plots available to let.

The Parish Council would like to wish all members, volunteers, parishioners and visitors a wonderful Christmas and a joyful New Year.

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Date of next Meeting: December 12th 2016