

District councillors report to 19 August 2017

EADT report of potential merger of MSDC and Babergh DC – a statement has been released from Jennie Jenkins and Nick Gowrley leaders of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District councils respectively. It is a long statement but at the moment things are only at the discussion stage. I wasn't aware that there were formal talks. Of course other districts in Suffolk are merged or nearly merged!

Following on from this MSDC Offices are closing and the move is taking place in September. Many of the emails have the 'Were on the move logo' with relevant details on how to contact the Districts.

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk telephone 0300 123 4000 In person 54 Ipswich Street Stowmarket or write in to Babergh and MidSuffolk District councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

The Local Plan is open for comment as from Monday as that is the date the consultation began (Monday 21st August) and will last 12 weeks. It is a very large document and can be accessed on www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalPlan with paper copies in libraries and the Councils' offices (to remain in the offices) Please do take time to have a look and comment as appropriate.

A reminder two persons from each Parish Council are invited to a Town and Parish Briefings which have been grouped together. I believe Debenham Parish Councillors have been invited to one at Ashfield Community Hall on Monday 4th September.

MSDC have a lovely new Coffee Caravan. There were many donations including donations from MSD Councillors from their locality budget. A reminder that local projects which may require funding can contact me to see if I can offer some sort of assistance

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Boundary Committee review update – visual map

Planning 0030/17 Outline planning for up to 25 houses at Little London Hill is being heard before committee on Wednesday 23 August 9.30 am. I will be asking for members to consider a site visit. I will be speaking on behalf of the community but I do not vote.

Mrs Kathie Guthrie

District Councillor Debenham Ward