

**DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 18 September 2017**

Planning: Application no. **DC/17/04072** Hogs Kiss, Priory Lane- Erection of six dwelling houses- The Parish Council recommended the refusal of this planning application due to concerns raised about Highways, access to the development, parking, possibility of it affecting the already problematic drainage in the area, proximity to the St Mary's Church and resulting loss of established and much value trees.

The planning application for up to 25 dwellings near the Primary School (DC/17/0030) went to Planning Committee, which I attended and gave a report on behalf of the Council, explaining in some detail why refusal had been recommended. This application has been deferred and a decision is yet to be made, as it is hoped that this way, at least some conditions may be put in place, particularly by SCC Highways, to mitigate some of the concerns raised. Unfortunately, due to the current problem with the lack of a 5 year land supply, if a refused application goes through the Appeal's process, the Planning Inspectorate is very likely to grant approval, otherwise legal costs to defend it are prohibitive from MSDC's point of view.

Highways: Unfortunately, due to the recent structural changes as well as the already challenging budget cuts, SCC Highways had been unable to provide the Parish Council with a positive response or, in fact, any action when it comes to various items of maintenance, including Aspoll Road and Ipswich Road. We received unofficial reports that efforts were being made by local helping hands, which is much appreciated, but would like to reiterate that due to the proximity to the highway, your safety should always be the most important priority.

Annual accounts for year ended 31 March 2017: Have already been audited by Salc, our internal auditor and now we're just waiting for the External Auditor's report. So far, so good, just the usual minor issues raised to keep us on our toes!! Details are available on our website or via the Clerk.

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Date of next Meeting: October 16th 2017.