

## **DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 19 June 2017**

### **Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service join call to be aware when near water**

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has joined a call by UK fire chiefs to raise awareness of the dangers of everyday activities near water after statistics show nearly 50% of people who accidentally drown in the UK never intend to enter the water. NFCC Water Safety Lead, Dawn Whittaker, said: “Most people would be shocked to hear that those people drowning just happen to be near water such as runners, walkers and fisherman”. Fire and rescue services are giving advice to people on what they should look out for and how to change their behaviour to minimise their risk of becoming one of these statistics. Messages are posted on social media using the hashtag #BeWaterAware and people are encouraged to share the posts to spread the message. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service have supported the campaign and operational crews will integrate a prevention message into their educational work throughout the summer months. Zena Williams’ brother Matt Dunnett died in June 2015 after he jumped into cold water at Alton Water. She has given her support to the campaign in an to attempt to prevent such incidents happening again in the county.

**Planning:** Following on from the concern raised by parishioners as to the reasons why The Cherry Tree Pub remained closed, according to MSDC “The financial obligation within the S106 agreement was no longer applicable due to change of land ownership. However, there still remained obligations relating to the completion and opening of the Pub which were currently in breach and the (District) Council would be pursuing in due course”. If any application for change of use of the pub and associated buildings was submitted, the Planning Enforcement section would be obliged to hold any enforcement action accordingly.

The Debenham Parish Council will continue to pursue this matter.

**The Angel Inn:** An expression of Interest to bid for this property has been registered by the Parish Council with MSDC.

**Debenham PC Community Awards:** Although the Community Awards are presented at the Annual Parish Meeting that is usually held in May, nominations may be put forward to the Parish Council at any time throughout the year. So please take a minute to think about that special someone whose light has shone through and made someone else's life a little brighter! We look forward to finding out all about these special people within our community.

**Debenham Neighbourhood Plan:** Is well under way, with the draft plan being considered by members. This will soon be followed by a six week public consultation for which we will really need our residents' involvement and input.

And on a final note, please be a considerate dog owner, please use the bins provided when you finish that bottle of juice or crisp packet, please don't break the play equipment that our children so enjoy playing on and take a minute to just look around, take in and appreciate the wonderful village that we live in. We certainly are blessed!

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**Date of next Meeting: July 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.**