

## **DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 17 July 2017**

**District Councillor:** Cllr K Guthrie has a small Locality budget and would like local groups and worthy causes to contact her and apply for a grant.

The Coffee Caravan had recently benefited from £250 in this way. Unfortunately it had been stolen and was unlikely to be found!....

Cllr K Guthrie had also recently spent many hours attending site visits, briefings and meetings pertaining to planning matters. Developers and land owners were putting through considerable applications for major house building projects. In the coming week MSDC would be debating the draft Local Plan. It was crucial that this was completed as, in conjunction with Neighbourhood plans, it would allow communities to have a stronger say in where they would like development, which was extremely important.

**Planning:** Debenham Neighbourhood Plan representatives were due to meet with developers and listen to their proposals regarding future developments in the village. The number of sites identified by MSDC was now 3 and the Parish Council had commissioned a Technical Site Assessment, which would be included in the final Neighbourhood Plan. This should give the document more weight in ensuring that housing supply targets in Debenham were met in accordance with the community's views and best interests as well, not just the pressures of the 5 year land supply crisis.

**Leading the way- defibrillators:** : The Debenham Parish Council has recently completed a scheme that now sees the number of these vital resources, available 24/7, increased to four at evenly and strategically placed locations within the village, ie SRH Primary School, Fire Station, Debenham Leisure Centre and Co-op. This would not have been possible without the cooperation from the Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Websters Newsagents, the East of England Ambulance Service, Suffolk Fire Service, Debenham Leisure Centre, Debenham Community First Responders and County Cllr M Hick's Locality Budget.

**Clerk update:** From July 2017 we will be trialling something new! I will be based in the village one day a week, on a **Friday**, every week, between **9.30am and 3.30pm**. My quarters will initially be at the **Debenham Fire Station**, 14 Low Road, Debenham

1914 6QU and my mobile number will be 07514 277974. *Please may I ask that you do not use the emergency Fire service number as contact.*

If you wish to discuss anything, ask any questions, report any matters, put the “world to rights” or even just put a face to a name, please do come along and say “Hello”! I look forward to meeting you all. Please note that with the holiday period approaching, I may be on leave in some weeks, so please do check either on the website or by giving me a ring beforehand if you are not sure.

**The Debenham Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the Debenham Fire Service (and the SFRS) for allowing the use of their facilities.**

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**Date of next Meeting: August 21<sup>st</sup> 2017.**