

## **Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Present: Five Parish Councillors, District Councillor James Long and PCSO Lorna Chapman and the Clerk.

**Matters Arising.** a) Potholes are in the process of being repaired following the recent bad weather. It is possible to report these direct to Babergh on their website, or to contact them by phone.

b) Decision made not to provide dog litter bins.

c) Still waiting to hear whether Babergh DC has carried out a site inspection of the Coal House, following concerns about its condition.

d) Unfortunately, it has not been possible to save the horse chestnut tree in Old Rectory lane and this will be taken down. A new tree will be planted later in the year, probably not another horse chestnut.

### **Police Report;**

Increase in crime on same period last year 12/11-13/1, one burglary reported in November, now finalised.

Residents are reminded to be vigilant, as there is an increase in crimes in local villages.

### **Financial Report:**

This year's Precept forms have only just been received, following a delay due to the Government's late decision on grants.

### **Planning:**

The following applications/amendments were discussed:

Trevilla, Chiltern House, Maltings farm.

### **Village Hall.**

Further insulation work is planned for the back room of the hall.

### **Matters for discussion:**

Play Park. Road sign has now been erected.

Badger problem seems to be reducing. Expert from Babergh DC feels this may be one young badger.

Telephone Kiosk: Work will be carried out in spring, when weather improves.

### **County Councillors Report:**

Items included:

Ipswich Park & Ride and Fire Merger consultations.

Suffolk Rail Prospectus wants better trains and speeds from East Anglian franchise.

Suffolk syllabus for Religious Education agreed

Final Report Suffolk CC Farms Policy Development Panel.

Procurement of Highways services awarded to Balfour Beatty.

Suffolk Local Flood Management Strategy.

Possibility of new Suffolk Youth Travel Card scheme

Sue Cook, new head of Children's Services.

Broadband contract awarded to BT Openreach, aim to provide faster services to 9 out of 10 Suffolk properties within 3 years. Surveys are beginning.

**District Councillors Report:**

Babergh DC Councillors working on a joint strategy – Emerging Vision for Babergh – to engage with businesses, the community and partners to support and facilitate active, healthy and safe communities for people to live and work. Provide a good mix of houses.

Changes to Council Tax Support scheme will affect second homes and unoccupied properties.

**AOB:**

Query regarding completion of work at Chadacre Estate – not known.

Broadband survey of speeds received by local households has been passed to Richard Kemp.

**Date of next meeting;** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm.