

PC Notes 12-11-12

Notes from the September and November PC meetings

Ongoing matters:

Verge has been re-instated in Gents Lane and reflector posts erected.
Permanent repair of pot holes in Hallifax Place, still awaited.
Consideration for costs and necessity of providing dog waste bins. Residents opinions to be sought.
Telephone Kiosk – this will be refurbished inside and re-painted next spring.
Coal House – clearance of this area – owner has failed to respond to letter, Barbergh will visit site to ascertain whether enforcement action can be made, as this is a listed building.

Crime reports:

1 vehicle crime – theft from agricultural vehicle during harvest
2 thefts – 2 dogs reported stolen; theft of an I-phone

Neighbourhood Watch: co-ordinator still needed.

Finance; Meeting on 10th December to finalise budget and set Precept for 2013-14

Planning Applications:

Trevilla – construction of new house to adjoin Ramblers - no decision
Highbanks single storey extension – Observations submitted to the Planning dept.

Correspondence:

Request to plant further trees on field in Hallifax Place – agreed
Request for a Skate Park, discussed, cost and location would present problems, alternatives may be considered.
Open Space survey –updated and returned
Housing Needs Survey – PC involvement – completed and returned

Village Hall:

A request from VH committee for PC to reconsider the funding arrangements and budget for the village hall.
Cost for insulation of back store room and to eliminate condensation in the kitchen is under discussion.
Future recycling credits will be made to the PC.

Play Park;

New road sign to be erected at junction of The Street and Hallifax Place to alert drivers of the play park

Walking Map

Map showing village footpaths, sponsored by John Pawsey and will soon be available.

Hallifax Trust;

The Parish Council approved the appointment of a new Trustee and the re-election of the remaining trustees.

County Councillor R Kemp Reports::

It is hoped that Highway out-sourcing will save Babergh £4.5m per annum.

Scampaign – initiative to combat phone scammers.

Care Homes- These are to be divested by the Council to Care UK, under a contract for 25 years to provide care. The development plan includes provision for 10 new care homes and 10 new Well-being centres on different sites to the present locations,. Current sites will then be handed back to the County. With a lower burden of cost than on Care UK , future bed costs should be reduced.

Fire Service proposals- It was agreed that the joint working between Suffolk Fire service and Cambridge & Peterborough Fire Authorities should continue. There are two future options- Voluntary combination or increased collaborative working. A full business plan will be developed and the preferred option agreed by full Council in January- early February 2013. The decision must be made to National Government for approval by the end of February 2013.

Consultation available online.

Police & Crime Panels- elections for new Police and Crime Commissioners 15th November, giving public opportunity to elect head of police services in Suffolk.

Police and Crime panel to be hosted by SCC – panel to consist of councillors from each Authority, to scrutinise and support the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Young Drivers Courses- Babergh to subsidise courses for young drivers aged between 17-19, who have passed their test within the last year
Courses at Bury SE, Ipswich and Lowestoft.

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District Councillor J Long Reports : James Long expressed concerns regarding the relaxation of Planning Regulations, whereby large extension may be built with needing permission.

Additional officers to be provided in Planning, Conservation, Technical and Senior Policy depts., within the next six months. Babergh full Council meeting agreed to support these measures, which were felt to be essential.