DC Report July 2025

Babergh continues to negotiate the Local Government Review, awaiting further news of the submission by SCC to Government at the end of September.

Council met in June and a formal review of CIL (community infrastructure levy) led to a question at Council last week (by me) as to the sustainability of payments from developers. Council employs debt collectors for missed payment and have collected £8.9m via this avenue. Currently 52 developers are in arrears with CIL payments.
Please review the revised CIL details yourselves.

A motion at Council defending local democracy on planning matters was unanimously supported.

Working with your clerk, I have supported calls for further emptying of recycling bins which again this morning are overflowing. (Blue bins)

I am delighted to see maintenance works on Tenter Piece and thank residents who have been very hospitable to the operatives in this hot weather.

We both appreciate the visibility of parish councillors at the Thursday coffee mornings and their attendance at the Patronal Church Service and celebration of five hundred years since the completion of the church tower in 1525 last Sunday, when the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk was present alongside our local MP and descendants of the Spring and De Vere families who funded the building works.

Holiday activities advertised as community fun days, are taking place in Sudbury, Belle Vue Park, Monday 21st July as well as Hadleigh, Stowmarket and Thurston during the summer. "Grazing Walks" is a new walk and eat guide produced jointly by BMSDC.

BMSDC currently have four new interns working alongside staff giving them an insight into council business.

Sadly, at Council, some councillors tried to flaunt Council standards/rules by displaying flags at a Council meeting. Although removed before the meeting commenced, this behaviour was a sad exhibition of senior councillors attitude to our constitution and I would suggest, respect for other councillors.

Cllr Margaret Maybury 3rd July 2025
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