

PAUL CLOVER, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR LAVENHAM PARISH
MEETING 3RD AUGUST 2023.

The first full District Council Meeting has now taken place. Two motions were passed:

- 1) To put the climate, housing and local communities at the heart of its priorities and to continue the drive to be carbon neutral by 2030. At present the programme is behind target. The motion highlighted a desire to promote public transport, walking and cycling above motor vehicle use, reduce outdoor lighting and protect bio-diversity.
- 2) To create a strategic energy infrastructure via off-shore supply co-ordinated with an in-shore network and in opposition to proposed pylon line.

On other matters, and in light of the present cost of living issues, support is available to residents experiencing any problems and for further information they should contact either Babergh District Council or their local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Warm Home Suffolk is also applications to fund improvements to houses throughout the Babergh District in the form of insulation, reducing bills and better heat sources to make resident's homes more sustainable in winter.

During the summer holidays, there are a number of activities to entertain and support local families. More information is to be found on the Babergh website and search Activities to support Families.

Babergh District council are also conducting a survey of 16,000 residents in order to shape future priorities and improve services. Opinion is invited on resident's local area, facilities, public services, communities, getting around, internet access and wellbeing.

Finally, further to discussion about the new EV charging bays in Church Street car park, the relevant council office has responded to say they intend to promote awareness of the bays with residents.