

PAUL CLOVER/MARGARET MAYBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FOR PARISH MEETING 5TH SEPT 2024.

Firstly, I hope all enjoyed the summer, the fine weather and possibly a holiday.

Secondly, I congratulate our young people on their successes at GCSE and "A" levels. As our schools recommence, I send my best wishes to pupils and staff as their education journey begins for 2024-25.

The Parish Council will have received the latest BDC council news update (see below) therefore I do not find it necessary to repeat the information.

Two pieces of news for the parish are, I had a meeting with a Manager from Public Realm, and another with Officers regarding the transparency of information over car parking charges

I was walking in Church Street car park beside the Cock Inn one day and witnessed two BDC operatives emptying the waste bins. They ignored the black bag full of rubbish plus residue litter beside one of the bins. I reported this event, hence my meeting with the Public Realm Manager. I can report operatives are required to empty and litter pick around the waste bins during their visit and make sure the bins are firmly closed. I suggested negotiations take place with the Parish to understand if they require more frequent waste collections for Church Street car park over the summer, as during my meeting the waste bins were overflowing. It is a parish council decision, I leave it with them.

The meeting with Officers regarding car parking charges revealed interesting statistics. Lavenham is omitted from car movement data as currently there is no way of recording it. The village does not have car parking ticket machines, therefore the majority of recorded vehicle visits are within Sudbury - our market town. 1.09 million car parking tickets were issued between November 2022 and October 2023 of these 830,000 were in Sudbury. 264,000 tickets were recorded in Hadleigh. The estimated proposal of usage in Lavenham is 65,000. The estimated usage across BDC after the implementation of charges is 1 million (allowing for 10-20% reduction). It is suggested car parking charges will not become cost neutral but charging for car parking will reduce BDC budget deficit.

Worth noting; Mill Road, Sudbury, car park being used for resident parking will incur a resident permit cost of £25 pa.

As always I am delighted to speak with residents on any matter they feel I can help with.

Margaret

Dear Town and Parish Clerks,

Please find attached a reminder of recent developments and announcements by Babergh District Council.

This is likely to form the basis of this month's update to your councils by your district councillor(s), but we are also sharing with you direct, should it be of use.

Businesses to be recognised as Innovation Awards return for 2024: Businesses across the districts are set to be recognised for their fresh thinking and new ideas, as Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' Innovation Awards return this autumn.

Sports and recreation in Babergh gets £118K boost: Two separate sports and recreational projects in Babergh are to receive an injection of more than £118k from Babergh District Council, thanks to funds collected from developers.

Councils' objection to National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury pylon proposals: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have now published their full response to National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury consultation.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk join bid to boost local tourism: Suffolk Public Sectors Leaders group – which includes Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – has agreed to a five-year funding programme to help enhance tourism across the region.

Temporary closure of Kingfisher Leisure Centre's swimming pool:

The pool will be closed for at least a week for a damaged roof to be repaired.

Councils to host Call for land summit in September: Councils are putting landowners in touch with organisations that can help them improve their land for wildlife and nature.

Solar Together launches in Suffolk - offering residents affordable renewable energy sources: Suffolk residents will boost local renewable energy generation, cut carbon emissions, and save on energy bills with a community-led solar panel initiative.

Districts to benefit from new electric vehicle scheme: Residents in Babergh and Mid Suffolk are set to benefit from a new electric vehicle initiative.

'Sudbury Sounds' please crowd as musical project reaches crescendo: A programme of musical workshops reached its climax in Sudbury after another harmonious collaboration between Babergh District Council, national charity Orchestras Live, and a renowned professional orchestra.