

Report for Chelmondiston Parish Council from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor

Meeting date: 3 December 2019

General Election

With the coming general election all Babergh District Council and Committee meetings apart from Planning and Licensing have been cancelled, so there is very little to report from the Babergh end.

Parishioner Support

I am pleased however to be able to report that I have been able to offer support to a Tattingstone resident with housing maintenance issues and also a young family with children in Tattingstone school who have found themselves on the wrong side of the school transport regulations. This case is still awaiting resolution but all involved hope for a successful outcome. Following the distribution of the latest Green News on the peninsula I have also been contacted by Chelmondiston residents about issues that were raised.

Community Infrastructure Levy funds handed out

Communities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received a £791,000 funding boost for local projects including a community gallery at Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, as well as a new car park and bus shelter.

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding totalling £492,425 was collected between April and September this year and has now been handed over to 51 town and parish councils across the districts to support local community projects. Two parish areas that are governed by a parish meeting also received funds to spend in their areas.

This year, both councils also approved bids to give a further £299,160 to seven local infrastructure projects funded through District CIL.

Parish Council Declare Climate Emergency

Glemsford Parish Council has been the first in the Babergh district to declare a climate emergency. If you are interested the link from the local press is:

<https://www.suffolkfreepress.co.uk/news/climate-change-working-party-formed-in-glemsford-after-parish-council-declares-emergency-9090422/>

Tree For Life Scheme

A new community-driven environmental initiative aimed at increasing the number of trees in Babergh has been launched, with new parents urged

to sign up and get involved. The Tree for Life scheme allows parents with a newborn baby or newly-adopted child to mark their arrival by receiving a free tree from Babergh District Council, to be planted in the district.

Modelled off a similar scheme that has run in Mid Suffolk since the start of this year, it is being introduced as part of a series of measures approved by the council earlier in an effort to enhance biodiversity. Families who have welcomed a new arrival between January 1 and December 31, 2019, are eligible to receive a free tree, with plant pot-grown trees available for those without access to a garden.

Parents who have lost a child during this same time period will also be able to take part by applying for a memorial tree. To apply to be part of the Tree for Life scheme, go online to www.babergh.gov.uk/tree-for-life. The deadline for applications is January 12, 2020, after which eligible applicants will be invited to choose and collect their tree at an event early next year.

Planning

The only new planning issue that I am aware of is the one on the website and is:

Householder planning application - Erection of single storey side extension (following demolition of existing lean-to)

Sunny View Main Road Chelmondiston Ipswich Suffolk IP9 1DP

Application. No: DC/19/05430 | Received: Wed 20 Nov 2019 | Validated: Thu 21 Nov 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision