

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

Meeting date: 1 October 2019

From now on my reports will be in Ariel and font size 14 to meet the criteria for the forthcoming Accessibility code.

The consultation period has just closed for the Joint Local Plan. I hope those of you who managed to get to the information sessions found them helpful.

Two Conservative District Councillors, Cllr Ayres and Cllr Maybury, have left the Conservative group and are now Independent Councillors. The East Anglian Daily times reported last week –

*Mrs Ayres, a party member for 55 years and former mayor of Sudbury, said she felt members were too often kept in the dark. Half of the time you don't know what is going on," she said. "I found out about the Babergh name change proposal from a post on Facebook. It's a very sad day for me as I have been a member of the party since I was 18 but I want to do what is best for the town and I now feel it must be as an Independent. Mrs Ayres said the way the on-going controversy over proposals to build a hotel on part of Belle Vue Park in Sudbury had been handled had also influenced her decision*

*"Mrs Maybury, who despite being dropped from the cabinet retained her seat at this year's May elections, said she did not approve of the way the group conducted itself. "It's been very dictatorial and very concerned about its own image rather than what's good for the people, in my opinion," she said.*

Babergh is a Conservative-run coalition. Following these resignations the balance of power is now 13 Conservatives, 10 Independents, 4 Green, 3 Liberal Democrats and 2 Labour. I am pleased to be able to report that the council unanimously voted for an amendment put forward by the Green group to a Climate Change Motion; I am hopeful that as the balance of power has shifted a little further away from the Conservatives we may be able to get more Green motions through Council.

### **Citizens Advice**

The Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee have looked at Suffolk County Council's funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau and will be recommending that the funding stream is reviewed to support the organisation.

**CIL**

The next bidding round for CIL 123 funding will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The last round ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and there were only four bids submitted. Application forms and details of how and what to apply for are available on the Council website. The process involves a bit of work, but successful bids have been made. It may be worth considering any infrastructure projects that could be undertaken in the village sooner rather than later so that the appropriate evidence can be obtained. Training and information sessions on CIL are being offered to District Councillors and I am attending one next week.

### **Name change**


From BBC News:

*Suffolk's Babergh District Council - pronounced "Bay-ber", takes its name from the Anglo-Saxon place name Barberga and has existed since 1974. The district was first listed in the Domesday Book in 1086. The authority plans to change its name to South Suffolk Council to make its location more obvious. It is also hoped the change, which the council has said will cost less than £10,000, will help bring investment to the region. Leader of the authority John Ward said: "Babergh has a proud history but we know that people from further afield are often unaware of exactly where Babergh is and even struggle over its pronunciation. By renaming to South Suffolk we can be clear about who we are, where we are and what we represent as well as clearly identifying the council, it will also align with the name of our parliamentary constituency, cutting down on any confusion."*

Councillors are due to make a decision on the proposed name change at an extraordinary meeting to be held after the full council meeting on 22 October so if anyone has any comments they would like me to pass on please email me with them.


### **Planning**

These are the entries on the Babergh planning page for Chelmondiston since the last Parish Council meeting.

[Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission B/16/01081 dated 21st Feb 2017 to amend condition 1 \(List of approved plans and documents\) -Erection of cartlodge.](#) 

White House Farm Main Road Chelmondiston Suffolk IP9 1EE

**Application. No:** DC/19/04345 | Received: Mon 16 Sep 2019 | Validated: Mon 23 Sep 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Householder Planning Application - Erection of cartlodge, creation of new vehicular access; Erection of boundary walls and fencing.](#) 

White House Farm Shotley Road Chelmondiston Ipswich Suffolk IP9 1EE

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