

County Council Report for Walsham le Willows Parish Council

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Highways Transformation Programme – A new Service Delivery Model is being introduced this summer. Suffolk Highways area teams will be based in 3 centres at Ipswich (for Babergh), Rougham (for West Suffolk) and Halesworth (for Mid and East Suffolk). The area highways contacts will change but are not yet assigned. The Brome depot will be retained under these plans. Defects/ potholes/ drainage etc. should be reported in the usual way –

<http://highwaysreporting.suffok.gov.uk>

Grass Verge Cutting - The grass cutting programme can be found on SCC's website:-

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/Grass-Cutting-2017/Grass-Cutting.pdf> The single cut on minor roads is underway through June and July. Overgrown verge problems are best reported using the County website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/trees-grass-and-weeds/grass-cutting/report-grass-cutting-problems/>

Notices of Road Works and Diversions – From 1 July 2017, Network Assurance will no longer email copies of legal notices or orders routinely to parish clerks or Councillors. Any interested party can set up their own alerts on www.roadworks.org

Police & Crime Commissioner Public Meetings: all at 11 am – 2 pm

Stowmarket Thursday 27 July, Meadow Centre (outside Costa Coffee), Stowmarket, IP14 1PN

Ipswich Wednesday 2 August, Ipswich Cornhill, IP1 1DH

Bury St Edmunds Wednesday 9 August, Arc Shopping Centre, 14 Prospect Row, IP33 3DG

Environment Project Grant Fund - The Anglian Water Flourishing Environment Fund offers grants to projects that enhance the status of wetland habitats and/or wetland species. Target habitats and species should be those of principal importance, as defined by Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act. Grants will be awarded from £2,000 to £10,000. Details are on the following webpage <https://www.cambscf.org.uk/anglianwater.html> The next deadline for applications is 1 August 2017.

Chief Executive Change - Our Chief Executive Deborah Cadman OBE has resigned and is going to take up a new position leading West Midlands Combined Authority in around 3 months time.



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Planning Applications - The District Council's web site is now functioning under the new Uniform host, however application comments may be best submitted by email until the backlog has cleared.

Newhall Properties, Wattisfield Rd, Outline for 62 dwellings. 1352/17. Validated on 6th April: This application can be accessed on <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=ZZZW46CMPM275>

Evolution Town Planning, Land opposite Broad Meadows, Outline for 22 dwellings. DC/17/02783. Validated on 31st May: This application can be accessed on <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=ORFK1RSHKSL00>

Local Plan – The Joint Babergh and Mid Suffolk Draft Local Plan will come to the next Full Council meeting of 20th July after which it will be made available to the public for consultation over the summer. The new Plan will cover a period up to 2036 (aligned with the timescale for the Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich Local Plans).

Boundary Commission Changes - The Commission is currently consulting on plans to reduce the number of district councillors. Babergh would be reduced from 43 councillors to 31 and Mid Suffolk from 40 councillors to 34 in current proposals to achieve better electoral equivalence for voters. Residents and groups have until 14 August to submit views - <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/> and www.lgbce.org.uk

Move to Endeavour House – No further news except planned for September.

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