

### **Appendix C – County Cllr. Penny Otton’s Report to Full Council**

- Sandpit Lane: I have agreed for a controlled crossing which the Parish council has agreed to fund from CIL money. There will be a survey done before work can start.
- Parking Sandpit Lane: it seems the only way to stop parking on Sandpit lane in front of Cloverfields is for the police to be made aware
- Victoria Close: obstruction, this was reported to Matt Fox, has this been dealt with?
- Meadow Lane: we have been told this will be resurfaced shortly, but we need to make sure it will be restored back to how it was, including the verges.
- Parking at Fox and Hounds roundabout / Barton Road: I have told SCC I am very disappointed that the highways safety team have said they are unlikely to support yellow lines. I think we need to push again for this. They have suggested H markings for any residents who could be obstructed at a cost of £250. I have said I think that will be difficult and will not resolve the parking problem at the roundabout area.
- Cavendish Hall: I am delighted to be able to be at the opening of the new kitchen on 25th September.

### **Appendix D – District Cllr. Harry Richardson’s Report to Full Council –**

- Mid Suffolk District Council - MSDC were due to hold a full Council meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July however due to (what was then) the rising number of Covid-19 infections it was decided to cancel this meeting. All matters due to be considered by full Council were considered to be non-urgent and so have been delayed until the next meeting scheduled for September.
- In lieu of a substantive update on Council business I have therefore included below a summary of other developments across Mid Suffolk:
  - Local Energy Showcase will champion green businesses
  - Businesses and community organisations are being urged to tackle climate change by joining Suffolk’s first ever showcase event celebrating sustainability and green energy.
  - The Local Energy Showcase, organised by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, will promote how different types of energy can be used by communities and businesses help reduce their impact on the environment, lower costs and contribute to the fight against climate change. Tickets are now available for the two-day event, at Wherstead Park in Ipswich on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The event is open to all businesses with an interest in finding out more about local energy solutions and as well as community groups and parishes who would like to understand and explore the benefits of using local energy solutions. The Local Energy Showcase marks the Councils’ recognition of a climate emergency and their commitment to the Suffolk-wide aim to become carbon neutral by 2030, aims to inform and update visitors on the latest in green energy. The event will feature a marketplace for green energy businesses and organisations to showcase their products and services, demonstrate how local energy solutions can be installed and used, and how switching energy supplies can lower greenhouse emissions and reduce energy costs.
- Wheels in motion for cycle race through Babergh and Mid Suffolk - the full route for this year’s Women’s Tour has now been announced, revealing that some of the world’s top cyclists will travel through Babergh and Mid Suffolk once again. Suffolk plays host to the final stage of the race, with this year’s champion being crowned on Saturday 9th October, following a day of racing between Haverhill and Felixstowe. A scenic route will take the peloton past the historic Melford Hall stately home in Long Melford and through Babergh’s largest market town, Sudbury. Riders will then pass along the runaway at Wattisham Flying Station, an airfield spanning over 1,000 acres across both Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The route also includes Stowmarket, which had the honour of hosting the finish for stage one of the Women’s Tour back in 2019. After travelling through the heart of Mid Suffolk, cyclists will head south towards the finish line at Felixstowe.

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- Councils actively support residents to enjoy fit and healthy futures - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' refreshed Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy has been given the go-ahead – enabling communities to be more active and improve their health and wellbeing. Both councils adopted their original Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity (LSPA) Strategy in 2017 following a review of the leisure services, facilities and partnerships in the districts. Since then, there has been substantial progress in the delivery of sports facilities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk. This includes a £2.2m investment in Mid Suffolk's sports facilities including the recent upgrade and extension of Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre. However, in recognition of the changing needs of the districts' residents – and the ongoing impact of Covid-19 – the strategy has recently been reviewed and refreshed by the councils, with proposed changes receiving unanimous approval at cabinet meetings earlier this month. This will ensure that the strategy remains relevant and enable increased participation in sport and physical activity, particularly from less active people experiencing greater health inequalities.
- The updated strategy sets out the proposed new strategic outcomes – active people, active places and spaces, and active partnerships – objectives and high-level actions for the future delivery of leisure, sport and physical activity services across the districts. Following on from the priority actions identified in the strategy, a comprehensive action plan is currently in development, with plans for this to be published later this year.

### **Report from District Cllr. Cllr Wendy Turner to Full Council**

- Cancelled - Full Council meeting - full Council meeting due to be held in person on 22nd of July was cancelled due to the rise in Covid cases. Next full council meeting to be held in Endeavour House on the 23rd of September. The leader of the Council Suzy Morely has written to Government requesting the current laws are amended to enable councils to return to online meetings until the pandemic has receded.
- Covid Restrictions - were lifted on the 19th of July. Existing arrangements will stay in place at the council until further risk assessments are carried out to keep employees, services and communities safe. Currently Babergh has the highest coronavirus case rates across Suffolk, although still lower than East of England and National figures.
- Second Jab Initiative - 18 – 49 year old men in Suffolk are less likely than women to get their second vaccination a targeted 'one jab is a half a job' campaign film has been created urging people to get both jabs, follow the guidelines and test twice weekly to help protect others. Local vaccination helpline 0344 257 3961
- Heatwave plan for England - the Government has issued advice on how to stay safe during extreme temperatures. Find out more about the Heatwave Plan for England
- Annual Canvass - the way the council carry out their annual canvass has changed from sending out paper forms to contacting residents by email. Residents are being asked to check their details on the electoral register are up to date and ensure they do not lose their right to vote. This has caused some residents to be concerned that this is a scam despite attempts to reassure them ahead of emails going out, plus information on the website, and social media posts.
- The Local Energy Showcase - free event to be held at Wherstead park in Ipswich on the 21st/22nd October 2021, for businesses, community groups and parishes who wish to learn more about the benefits of using local energy, reducing energy consumption and lowering costs. <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/business/economic-development/business-news-and-events/>
- Women's Cycle Tour - Suffolk is to host the final stage of the Women's Cycle Tour 2021 on Saturday October the 9th. The 155km stretch will start at Haverhill and finish in Felixstowe.
- Police/Fire Station - Suffolk's first new shared police and fire station has begin being built in Stowmarket and is expected to be completed by next June. The building will be located at the junction of the A1120 and B1113 Needham Road. The building will have photovoltaic panels, and air source heat pump and 14 electric vehicle charging points.

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- Public Transport assessment - taskforce to assess gaps in Babergh and Mid Suffolk public transport to be formed to assess transport in both rural districts. It may also look at transport such as bike rental schemes and taxi provision.
- Linden Homes, Thurston - plans submitted for a further 171 new homes at the Cavendish View site in Thurston despite objections from the PC.
- Waste Collections - waste services are still disrupted due to problems with lack of HVG drivers. Regular updates with a full explanation as to why these problems are occurring have been added to the council website due to pressure from Councillors.