

Babergh District Council

November 2023

Bures St Mary & Nayland Ward

Report to the Parishes – Bures St Mary, Nayland with Wissington, Stoke by Nayland

Council Meeting 24th October

The main Agenda Items were receipt of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT and the COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS 2022/23 as well as CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION to provide for greater inclusivity, which was AGREED

Help sought to shape the Administration's priorities for the next four years

The Administration has set out its initial vision and priorities for the next four years, and a consultation is planned:

'We are embarking on a major engagement exercise with residents, communities, businesses, stakeholders and partners – so they can tell us whether they think we are focusing on the right issues.'

Feedback will be sought through online surveys and in person workshops to help shape the Administration's priorities and its refreshed Corporate Plan. The Consultation will be promoted through all the usual channels and parish councils are urged to help spread the word. [Find out more.](#)

Flood support

Emergency council teams worked to support areas impacted by floods last week in the wake of Storm Babet, offering practical support, as well as information and advice on what to do if your home or business was affected. [Find out more.](#)

Blueprint for districts development

Planning Inspectors have delivered their verdict on Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council's Joint Local Plan – the blueprint for the districts' future development until 2037, providing clarity for communities and developers.

Have your say on polling arrangements

The Council is asking residents for feedback on polling districts and places across the county. [Find out more.](#)

Free net zero advice for Suffolk businesses and organisations

Expert energy advice to businesses is available from an environment charity. [Find out more](#)

New council website

Last month saw the launch of the new District Council website, views are sought on the new look. [Find out more.](#)

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE VIA THE BDC WEBSITE www.babergh.gov.uk

AONB Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

On 3rd November I attended the meeting of the AONB JAC, which included presentations on staff activity; national activity and a financial update. A significant imminent change in legislation (subject to Royal Assent on 7th November) was highlighted: the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill will amend Section 85 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act so as to strengthen the obligations of developers and public bodies towards nationally significant landscapes. There was a reminder to publicize the Dedham Vale AONB [LIGHTING DESIGN GUIDE](#)