

October 2023

Bures St Mary & Nayland

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

Council Meeting (19th September)

It was announced in the first week of September that Leader, Cllr David Busby, was stepping back from the role for surgery and treatment following a cancer diagnosis. At Babergh's Full Council Meeting on 19th September, Deputy Leader & Acting Leader Cllr John Ward, announced that Cllr Busby had undergone surgery that afternoon. We all send Cllr Busby our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The State of the District Report was presented: this is a very interesting document, which will inform future policy. My colleague Cllr Holt highlighted the need to ensure policies that would increase the growth necessary to increase average Babergh District earning to bring them into line with those of other parts of our region. Other items on the agenda were presentation of the Annual Treasury Management Report and the CIFCO Trading and Performance Report.

As reported in the local press, our Group successfully opposed the motion to grant a further 'Special Responsibility Allowance' to the coalition's newly created second Deputy Leader position; thereby saving Babergh taxpayers from further unnecessary burden.

Other Cabinet Changes

Cllr Deborah Saw, who continues as Deputy Leader, also takes on the Cabinet portfolio of *People & Places East*. Cllr Sallie Davies will temporarily take on the *Planning* portfolio and Cllr Helen Davies has joined as Cabinet Member without Portfolio.

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Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Partnership Meeting (15th September)

Our SCC Cllr James Finch had been elected as Chairman of the Partnership; there were updates on selected AONB topics & work areas including the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS); and two very interesting presentations: the first from Mr John Hall, *Practical Actions for Climate & Environment*, which particularly highlighted Water Quality monitoring in the River Stour; and the second from Mr Geoffrey Probert on *The Stour Valley Farmer Cluster Initiatives*.

Joint Audit & Standards Committee Meeting (25th September)

The main agenda items were a review of delivery of the District Council Elections in May of this year and the Report on Environment Social and Governance (ESG) in Babergh & Mid-Suffolk Investments

Bures St Mary

I continue to attend the first St Mary's Coffee Morning of the month: at the September one I arranged for our Babergh Locality Officer to join us; by fortunate coincidence one of the Essex County Council outreach officers had also come and looked into a parishioner's problem from 'across the river', with which I had been unable to help

Parish Council Cases & Queries addressed recently

- 6th September – Planning Process Query
- 15th August – Permission sought for new Grit Bin
- 30th July – Planning enforcement Cuckoo Hill - ONGOING
- 28th July – cross county planning concerns -
- 12th July – Licensing Query

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