

To Chairman & Parish Councillors - Holbrook Parish Council  
From Councillor Mary McLaren

17 January 2022

I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities of the past few weeks and are looking forward to 2022 and all its challenges.

### **An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk**

Thank you to everyone who has helped to support the Covid-19 response this last month, which has seen the Government revert to Plan B and our NHS Colleagues ramping up the vaccination rollout to combat the spread of the Omicron variant.

We are ready to support our most vulnerable residents and communities as case numbers continue to rise. Please access our website and across our social media channels.

The leader of Babergh District Council - John Ward wishes to thank Babergh residents for their determination and resilience and wants to encourage everyone to get their booster jab.

### **Blueprint for the districts future development to progress**

BDC have welcomed a decision by the Planning Inspectorate to allow work on the Joint Local Plan to continue - meaning that the right developments happen in the right places at the right time.

### **Work began on Carbon Cutting Solar Carport Scheme**

Work has begun on installing solar carports which will help power and slash carbon emissions at our two main leisure centres in Sudbury and Hadleigh as part of our council's plans to tackle climate change.

### **Babergh urges National Highways to unblock Copdock**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have submitted a joint response to a consultation by National Highways on proposed improvements to the Copdock Interchange urging the creation of a new link road to keep business traffic flowing to the East and West of the A14.

### **“You must Pay” – Warning to developers**

Babergh District Council was awarded an out of court settlement of £163,590 in unpaid Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from developers Marden Essex Ltd.

Developers are required to pay CIL when building new houses in Babergh ensuring that local facilities keep pace with housing growth and supporting the council's ongoing ambition for its communities to be attractive, successful and connected places for people to live and work in. Babergh CIL framework provides a proportion of CIL awards of 15% to local parish councils and 25% if they have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan if the development is within their parish. However CIL monies can be paid outside of that rule if a parish proposes a well-planned project with costings that meet the criteria.



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## **Fund to help Businesses**

Before Christmas the Chancellor of the Exchequer set out a £1bn fund to help businesses hit by the Covid crisis.

BDC is awaiting further details of the fund but it is understood that it includes cash grants of up to £6000 per premises for businesses that are eligible. We will be updating everyone as soon as more detailed information is available from the Government.

## **Waste Collections Monday 27 December to Saturday 22 January 2022**

A reminder for residents that general rubbish and re-cycling collections have been amended between the dates noted above due to public holidays.

Residents need to access our website for specific details for this period which are very clear and precise. The Annual Collection calendars for 2022 are also available.

## **Helping Rough Sleepers**

Freezing temperatures are an obvious hazard to anyone who finds themselves sleeping rough in our district.

If you are aware of a rough sleeper either

**Tele:- 0300 1234 000 or contact StreetLink**

I am hoping to go out with the council rough sleeping team early in the new year to see how big the problem is and how we are meeting the needs of our residents who are in these dire situations.

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