

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

??? April 2022

Babergh District Council Meeting 21 March 2022

At the outset of the meeting councillors from across the political divide stood united in respect and were united in their condemnation of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and pledged support for refugees, voting unanimously in favour of motions to that effect.

- The Council voted to retain the Cabinet as the chosen Governance model as apposed to the Committee Model. If at a later date, they wish to review this choice they will be able to do so. If they had adopted the Committee Model they would have been locked into that model for 5 years.
- The Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct was adopted as the Local Code of Conduct for Councillors for Babergh District Council with effect from the Annual Council meeting in May 2022. This Code of Conduct applies to County, District and Parish Councillors.
- The Council approved that a Community Governance Review be undertaken. They are undertaking a CGR of the civil parishes within its boundaries to consider if any changes are needed to current parish arrangements. Following a number of requests from Parishes for a Review it was deemed appropriate to review the whole council area rather than piecemeal requests.

The council will publish a Notice and Terms of Reference on the Council's website and send a copy of the Notice and Terms of Reference to all Parish Clerks.

It will be expected that the notice will be published on parish council websites and notice boards. Does your Parish Council boundary need a review and does it reflect the community it serves?

The council is conducting the first stage of the review process and is inviting residents and interested organisations to submit their views on existing arrangements together with any proposals for change from 1 April 2022 to 13 May 2022. All the papers can be downloaded from the council website including the online submission form or alternatively email

Elections@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Joint Audit & Standards Meeting 28 March 2022

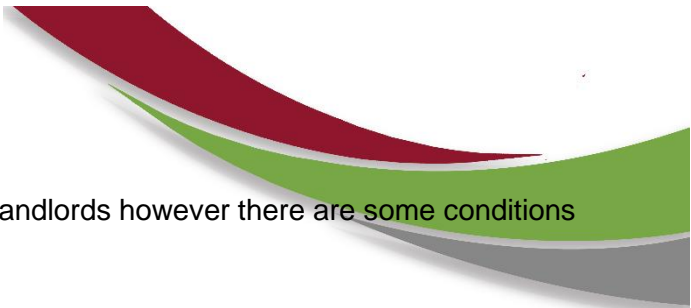
The Code of Conduct Complaints - Babergh report was presented by the Monitoring Officer for the period 17.11.2021 to 11.03.2022 – For that period there were a total of 15 Complaints against parish and town councillors. There had been a significant increase in the number of complaints from the previous quarter though some related to the same issue. Residents and councillors are perfectly entitled to make a complaint about a parish or district councillor. Having an up-to-date Code of Conduct that is understood by all is essential for Parish Councils and their Parishes.

Residents, tenants and landlords urged to lower energy bills

Residents, tenants and landlords across Babergh are being offered help to reduce the environmental impact of their homes, improve energy efficiency and lower their energy use with a range of council support. Low Impact Living Suffolk is a new campaign making it easier for residents to understand how to improve energy efficiency of their homes and reduce their energy use.



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Support is available to those renting, homeowners and landlords however there are some conditions to be met

- earning under £30,000 per annum
- and/or receiving benefits
- living in homes with a low energy rating

Further information can be found on the Warm Homes Suffolk website or by calling 03456 037 686
Lines are open Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm

Increasing our climate change and biodiversity ambitions

- To install 110 solar car ports at our leisure centres.
- To increase the number of EV chargers in our car parks by almost 30
- Publish the results and interactive map for our tree canopy survey
- Approve our first Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to increase opportunities for active travel. **(To Cabinet this month)**
- Relaunch our tree planting scheme for the second year for parish councils.
- 200 New Trees planted thanks to Forestry Commission Funding

Recycling Glass properly

Suffolk Waste Partnership is launching “**Glass - Its Better in the Bank**” A 12-week campaign aimed at getting people to stop putting glass in their household recycling bins and to use the bottle bank instead.

The SWP campaign runs until to May 31. District Councils who collect our rubbish will be applying bin tags and stickers to recycling bins containing glass.

Reducing Food Waste

Food Savvy in partnership with Suffolk Waste Partnership and environmental charity Hubbub – aims to highlight unnecessary food waste through a county wide competition to find the tastiest toastie. All details on the Food Savvy website.

Cycling Fans – The Women’s Tour is back at the beginning of June

Details of the route of the opening stage from Colchester to Bury St Edmunds which will pass through Mid Suffolk, Babergh and West Suffolk, will be released later, however SweetSpot are the organisers, so keep checking their website.

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