

To Chairman and Councillors – Holbrook Parish Council
From Councillor Mary McLaren – Stour Ward
Holbrook Parish Council Meeting 20 May 2024

Babergh District Council Meeting

Due to the purdah rules during the past election period BDC did not meet in April but will reconvene on Monday 20th May for the Annual Council Meeting where appointments to Committees and responsibilities will be proposed and agreed. As BDC has a Rainbow Cabinet, Councillor Deborah Saw (Green Party) will be elected as Leader of the Council for one year. Councillor John Ward (Ind) will step down from his Acting Leader Role which was on behalf of Councillor Dave Busby (LD) who remains very unwell.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Many congratulations to Tim Passmore who was elected as the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner on Thursday 2 May 2024 with 52,968 votes. We wish him well in his new term of office. He is one of only two police and crime commissioners to hold the role for the county since the positions were created in 2012.

Short-term Parking Charges to be further discussed.

Babergh District Council's cabinet will further discuss the decision to introduce modest short-term parking charges in Sudbury, Hadleigh and Lavenham. The Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee had already reviewed the process of the public engagement prior to the Cabinet making their initial decision. The O&S Committee made recommendations to be reviewed in the light of their scrutiny of the consultation process. The Acting Leader of the Council responded to the Committee. The Cabinet made their decision to proceed with the Parking Charges. A "Call In" process was then invoked by a Ward Member from Hadleigh. A "Call In" can be invoked by any District Councillor regarding a Cabinet Decision within 5 days from the Cabinet Decision being made. However, as we have a Cabinet Model of Decision Making the decision made cannot be overturned but the information and evidence by which the Decision was reached can be scrutinised by the Babergh Overview & Scrutiny Committee. This "Call In" duly took place on 22 April 2024 following a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting (4 hours) scrutinising Planning Enforcement and the Call In which lasted 3 hours. Recommendations were made to Cabinet for consideration but only one Call In can be made per each decision. As I was Chairing both meetings it was a very long day.

Government Grants for E.V Charging points.

The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles has several grants available up to 31 March 2025 to help install EV charge points.

These are for:

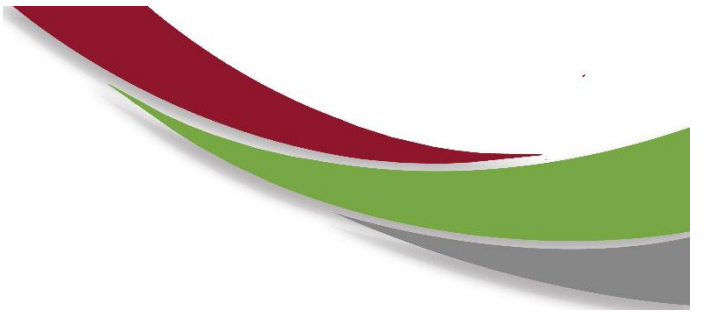
- Renters and flat owners (up to £350)
- Households with on-street parking (up to £350)
- Landlords (up to £30,000)
- Businesses and workplaces (up to £350 or £30,000 depending on the scheme)
- State funded education institutions (up to £100,000)

Find out more about each grant and all eligibility details on the GOV.UK website.

Following a successful bid to the Governments Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund. Suffolk County Council is also asking residents to nominate "their street" so the SCC can consider them for public on-street charging points.



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Taxi Policy consultation live.

Babergh's licensing team is currently consulting on an updated Taxi Policy for our district. The Consultation runs until Tuesday 4 June 2024. **Access the Council Website and click Licensing.**

Know a community group or individual passionate about Suffolks National Landscapes

Grants of between £500-£2,000 are available for those arranging visits and activities within the Dedham Vale and Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscapes boundaries.

Contact National Landscape Officer Eloise Markwick on 01394 445224 or email

LandscapesForAllFund@suffolkandessex-NL.org.uk

Have you used Suffolk InfoLink?

Suffolk InfoLink is an online directory of community information. It directs residents to vital services, information and advice across various sectors including health, education, social care and much more.

If you know of a community service or group in the parish without a profile on the link please do make them aware or encourage them to ensure their page is kept updated.

Access - Suffolk InfoLink Community Directory

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