



**DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL- January 2023**

**A Greener Debenham:** Following the recent public consultations which looked at greener options for Debenham, an independent report produced by the Suffolk Preservation Society has been published and is available on our website: <http://debenham.onesuffolk.net/greener-energy-for-debenham/> Working groups are being formed to look at the various alternatives. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

**Accounts and Precept:** For the next financial year, expenditure has been scaled back as much as possible due to the cost of living crisis. The cost of labour and materials has increased exponentially, so any work that is not urgently required will be placed on hold. Members appreciate the hardships some of our parishioners face and have decided not to increase the precept for next year, which will stand at £81,338.

**Debenham Hub:** Our Warm Hub on Monday mornings at Dove Cottage continues to open its doors to anyone wishing to come in for a free hot drink, hot chocolate, or even a cup of soup. It's the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbours, so please pop along and say "hello".

**Gardeners Road Play Area:** Surface clearance work in preparation for the new equipment is due to begin on January 24<sup>th</sup> (following a brief delay), with the new equipment being installed the following week. We can't wait for the children to visit it for the first time once it's ready!!

**Planning: Development on land east of Aspoll Road:** The Parish Council was recently consulted on names for the roads within the development and has put forward a list of apple cultivars as suggestions. The footpath/cycle path connecting the site to Aspoll Road through the Cemetery/Recreation Ground sites is yet to be finalized with the Parish Council. Members also considered several planning applications and appeals in the last couple of months, but there are too many to list. If you would like to know more, please look at our minutes, which are available on the website or the village notice board.

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