



## DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL- May 2023

**New Council Term 2023-2027:** We welcomed our new cohort on May 15<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Parish Council Meeting. Some further changes took place, with Cllrs L Cockerton and C Allison being co-opted, and Cllr R Blackwell standing down. The memberships of the various Committees and Working Groups/Liaisons were also approved, and a full list is available on our website.

We are delighted to announce the election of Cllr Frankie Winrow-Giffin as our new Chair and of Cllr Katherine Barlow as our Vice-chair. The combination of a veteran Councillor with more than 25 years of experience, and a relatively newer member of our parish, with a fresh pair of eyes, should make for a winning one. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Gina Helm, and former Cllr Richard Blackwell, the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, for their leadership and contributions over the previous term.

There are two remaining vacancies, so please consider joining us.

Our new District Cllr Teresa Davis has also been formally elected and should be your direct point of contact for Mid Suffolk District Council matters. Contact details should be available very soon.

**Coronation Street Party:** A wonderful time was had by all at this truly community-focused event. From brilliant entertainment to scrummy food and drink, to children simply playing safely on the High Street, it was a day to remember. So much so that Councillors have discussed the possibility of making it an annual celebration, to celebrate Debenham Day. It's early days but watch this space!

**Accounts:** Members supported an application for funding for £300 for a family event being organised by the “Friends of Sir Robert Hitcham”.

**Highways:** We continue to chase several matters in Debenham, which include potholes, the repainting of white lines which are barely noticeable, verge maintenance, and the fence posts on the High Street railings to name but a few.

**Play and Youth Provision:** Cllrs J Sweet and F Winrow-Giffin will be approaching the local schools to gather information on what our young people would like to see in terms of youth and play provision. The exercise will also consider provisions suitable for adults, such as outdoor gym equipment, picnic tables, and more.

**Debenham Street Warden:** We would like to announce the appointment of our new Street Warden Ben and give him a warm welcome. Thank you again to the Debenham Green Team and our volunteers for all their help during the tender process.

Our next meeting will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:30 pm, at Dove Cottage.

**Corrections:** *Please note on the April issue Cllr J Sweet’s name was incorrectly omitted from the list of elected councillors, and the Expenditure total should read £161,125.00. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.*

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