

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL- September 2023

Membership: The resignation of Cllr C Allison was noted, following which an election has been called by ten electors. This election will take place later in the year. We also welcomed back Cllr J Baldwin, who had enjoyed a short break away from the Council whilst still supporting several other local initiatives.

Accounts: An excellent Internal Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 was received by Councillors.

Play and Youth Provision: Cllr J Sweet delivered a further update on the play provision project, and it all sounded very exciting. Providing all goes to plan, the area will benefit from a variety of new pieces of equipment which will suit all age ranges and abilities. The Parish Council agreed to commit up to £60,000 towards the total cost of the project, with most of the funding being sourced from the MSDC Community Infrastructure Levy and others. Members thanked Cllr J Sweet and other members of the Group for their sterling work.

Funding: The Parish Council was delighted to support the United Reformed Church to the tune of £750 towards the refurbishment of their facilities. Councillors were impressed with the Church's fundraising achievements so far, and how ongoing improvements were likely to benefit the Community.

Allotments: Tenants are cordially informed that tenancy renewals and rent requests will be posted in the next few days by recorded postal delivery. Could Tenants please ensure that a signed copy of the Tenancy Agreement is returned at all times, even when payment is

made by online banking. If a tenant does not receive their papers by October 1st, they are kindly asked to inform the Parish Council as soon as possible.

Highways: The Parish Council agreed to register their strong opposition to the Eye Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which was undergoing public consultation. Although members sympathised with the reasons that may have led Eye to apply for it, they felt that the re-routing of large HGVs through Debenham's High Street was detrimental to the local area and infrastructure, unsafe, and unsustainable.

Our next meeting will take place on **October 16th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**, at Dove Cottage.

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