



DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL- November 2023

Membership: We would like to welcome Councillors Lucy Robbins and Anne Finnissy as our two newest members.

Play and Youth Provision: Some of the Phase 1 equipment has been installed and we hope our younger parishioners are enjoying their new adventures at the Recreation Ground. We have successfully applied for £22,000 of external funding, and are waiting to receive a decision on a bid for £74,000 from MSDC Community Infrastructure Levy. Phase 2 of the Project should be delivered in early 2024.

Debenham Traffic and Parking Issues: The Parish Council will be meeting with County Cllr Matthew Hicks to discuss a list of traffic and parking matters. This is to decide which are likely to be successful when we apply for a Traffic Regulation Order for the village. We are conscious that some proposals are unlikely to succeed when they go through the various legal and consultation processes, and we want to ensure that once it is finalized, we have done the best we can to address some of the local needs, particularly as the process cost over £12,500.

Storm Babet: This was a storm that shook the village, displaced several residents, and struck our local services and businesses. Unfortunately, it will continue affecting us for some time, as the aftermath is still evident. Being the wonderfully community-minded parish that we are, people came together and supported each other the best they could. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to all those who helped and continue to help. If you need assistance and are

not sure where to go, or who to contact, please let us know and we will do our best to assist.

We will be reviewing the Emergency Plan so that it takes into account any amendments necessary and will work closely with the Joint Partnership Emergency Unit to improve its efficacy against any future incidents.

Meeting Dates and Parish Surgeries for 2024: Our meetings are usually on the third Monday of every month, except for August and December. We will also begin holding Parish Surgeries on the **first Monday of every month** from January. This will allow our parishioners to discuss any matter they wish with a Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Evening and Saturday surgeries may also be arranged by request (via the Clerk).

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024!

Parish Council Meeting / Surgery Dates 2024

15 January	17 June
19 February	15 July
18 March	16 September
15 April	21 October
13 May (Annual Parish)	18 November
20 May	9 December

Our next meeting will take place on **December 11th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**, at Dove Cottage.

Mrs Dina Bedwell, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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