

Barham Parish Council – MAY 2024 In Touch Report

Dropped Curb on Entrance to The Crescent

Councillors met with Highways to discuss dropping the curb on entrance to The Crescent and are negotiating the cost with County Council before the work can be agreed.

Taylor Wimpey New Build “Churchfields”

We continue to hold regular meetings with Taylor Wimpey regarding the building works.

SCC Chris Chambers, reported that the public consultation around the devolution deal is underway. (this will be included on the PC agenda for the next meeting). A new piece of equipment named The Dragon Patched is currently on trial with Highways. This should improve the way of filling potholes. Suffolk Transport Plan consultation is underway. Biphosphate weed killer will continue to be used by SCC. £4.4m has been approved by cabinet for SEND services to recruit more staff. Highways and drainage teams are addressing the problems due to the recent floods.

BMSDC David Penny reported that mid Suffolk budget to increase by 2%. Due to a back log of large maintenance repair work needed on the councils housing stock, rents will need to be increased. The Joint Local Plan part 2 is now live. Grants are available through the Cosy Homes scheme to help with housing insulation costs. Railway stations between Ipswich and Cambridge will be getting makeovers and hope to also provide greater access for disabled. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council has been awarded Council of the Year.

Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator needed, Councillor or member of the public to take on.

A co-ordinator is needed, this can be a member of the PC or a member of the public. Full training is provided. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested.

FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 20th May. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their concerns in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

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