

## **Cllr Passmore's Report to Coddendam Annual Parish Meeting 2018**

### **Unitary Authority**

The recent controversy has stirred up many emotions. From a personal perspective I believe there are significant cost savings for the taxpayer that could be made if Suffolk has a unitary authority. Looking at options is sensible and any business case must clearly deliver service improvement and much better value for money. It will definitely require public support and consent of all councils. Perhaps a rapid evolutionary approach would be better than the big bang approach

### **Mid Suffolk / Babergh merger**

Due to the first item the formal merger process has been suspended, pending the outcome of the unitary work

### **Ward Boundary Changes**

Hopefully you have seen the Boundary Commission's proposals and have or are able to comment. I think the Helmingham and Coddendam ward will change significantly as the number of councillors is to be reduced and there must be better / more even distribution of electors for each ward. Details are on the website

### **Planning Application for Duke's Head**

Please let me know if you need and support or assistance with this.

### **Traffic Proposals**

I have received representation on the proposals and whilst it is a county council matter I will discuss this with Matthew Hicks

### **Accessing Services**

There is now a single number to use 0300 123 4000 and anything can be reported / paid for via the website 24 hours per day

### **Former HQ Development Proposals**

For those interested details are online.

### **Policing Matters**

£500k has been allocated from the pooled business rates fund to combat gangs and youth violence in Suffolk. This is a very serious problem and needs a relentless multi agency focus to tackle the problem. No district remains unaffected with the county lines drug trading being largely responsible.

The Mid Suffolk public meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at The Cedars Hotel at 7.00pm where I will be bringing along the Chief Constable and the local inspector to ask any questions you have.

The Stay Safe Online fund has / will be helping over 10,000 youngsters in Suffolk with their online / ICT etiquette and how to avoid getting into trouble or becoming victims of crime.

2 new small-scale speed prevention vans have just started working in Suffolk in addition to the original small vans for rural roads and residential areas commissioned two years ago

The Department of Transport has still not signed off the order to transfer parking enforcement responsibilities to the local authorities from the police - very frustrating