

## SALC meeting Raydon 11th September 2017

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- **Babergh now split into two areas East and West**
- **Resources have got to be much more flexible** these days, policing has changed so much over the past 20 years or so.
- **Safeguarding, gang violence, Mental health issues, missing people, cyber crime** examples of areas today's police are involved with. Gang violence in Ipswich is impacting on police work in rural areas.
- **Parish forums** are held regularly to replace PCSOs attending PC meetings
- **Big increases in calls to police** 101 service up 12%, 999 calls up 33% due to people wanting help/support knowing that the police is one of the few 24/7 services. Mental health staff sometimes on duty with police at call centres.
- **Strong feeling from reps at the meeting that rural areas are being left to their own devices**
- **Travellers** are a big concern in rural areas, especially over the summer, but there have been no major issues in Babergh this year.
- Many complaints over the long waiting time for the 101 service...  
**PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP. HANG ON. ALL CONCERNS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE**
- **Project 25** currently reviewing police procedures so that a further £4 million savings can be made on top of previous savings.
- **Little Waldingfield** 8 houses burgled in one night
- **PSCOs** don't work after 6pm
- **Cuts in funding** only solution is a political one. Harass your MP, not Tim Passmore. There needs to be a change to the funding formula
- **Parking will be de-criminalised by April 2019.** Police still acting on parking and speeding, but less so.

### Planning

- **Backlog of applications** are gradually coming down
- However, Babergh are currently **6 planning officers down**
- **A new IT system has been operating since June** - lots of gremlins. Would have been impossible to run the old and new systems side by side for a period of time

- **PCs can ask for paper copies of plans**, but Suffolk are trying to move to a paperless system whereby all plans are accessible on line. But this produces problems for PCs with poor internet access. Use of data projectors etc