

## Notes for parish councils

### 1/ Merger

I attended a meeting on the results of the comres survey in which 4003 houses had been contacted in both Mid Suffolk and Babergh districts.

The meeting I attended was to look at the results of Babergh as Mid Suffolk had previously in 2011 voted for a merger.

It would appear that a majority was now in favour of a merger although not by a huge percent.

A proposal was made to hold a referendum possibly in June, but the next thing we hear was a decision had been made after discussions with leaders in both Councils that the merger would now be put off for the time being and a date in 2020 was being suggested.

I am aware that proposals had been made by the leader of Mid Suffolk to consider a unitary council covering Suffolk. I was never aware exactly what was meant by this, but the net result was the temporary abandonment of the merger referendum. The proposals for a unitary council was never made clear to me and preliminary arrangements to discuss this were cancelled.

### 2/ Local Government Boundary Commission Review

The final decision for the numbers of Parish councils in each area of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk to be covered by a District councillor has still to be made. As I understand the deadline for Parish Councils to submit their own proposals has either passed or nearly so and we are still awaiting the final results from Westminster.

### 3/ Future plans for Corks Lane Hadleigh.

The old Council building and area owned by Babergh is to be redeveloped. Plans for this are to be displayed on Wednesday 11 April in the Guild Room at Hadleigh Town hall between 3pm and 8pm followed by a second event at the same venue between 3pm and 8pm on the 18th April. At both events representatives of Babergh District Council, Purcell Architects and Lawson Planning Partnership will be on hand to discuss plans and answer any Questions.

### 4/ Gainsborough House

The planning committee has just approved a several million pound development for the Gainsborough house and area in Weavers lane Sudbury for a major art gallery to display art and artefacts. The money came from lottery and other private sources and work is hoped to start later this year.

### 5/ CIL Expenditure

CIL expenditure should support the Joint Strategic Plan and The Joint Local Plan objectives. The money will be apportioned in to two separate funds, The Local Infrastructure Fund and The Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

The amount to be saved into the Strategic Infrastructure Fund would occur after 5% admin costs and then the Neighbourhood portion is taken out 15% for Parishes with no Neighbourhood plan and 25% where a plan is made.

Following this 20% of the remaining CIL regulation 123 monies would be saved into the Strategic Infrastructure Fund leaving the remaining 80% into the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Planning decisions to approve housing/employment development which carry Infrastructure to be provided by CIL and necessary for a growth project shall be supported, after planning consideration.

Cllr Michael Creffield

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