

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2017

This last year has been a busy one, both for District and Parish Councillors. A new Chief Executive Officer between Mid Suffolk and Babergh was appointed.

Plans for Mid Suffolk and Babergh to move to Endeavour House in Ipswich are well under way, and it is hoped that this will take place around September. Both present buildings need a lot of money spent on them so this is a cost saving enterprise. Should any residents need to have a face to face meeting with an Officer, there will be a 'drop in point' in Stowmarket, details of which will be announced nearer the time.

The Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan has just been completed, passed and signed off by Mid Suffolk. The total cost after grants came to about £5,000. (This figure was given at the last Mid Suffolk Council meeting by the representative from Mendlesham.)

The loss of the Post Office. Interest has been shown by the postmaster of Stanton Post Office to run a satellite service in Rickinghall/Botesdale.

Last year all Mid Suffolk District Councillors were given £5,000 to distribute in their parishes. Some of mine was divided between the village school, bowls club and village hall here in Botesdale.

Derek Osborne, District Councillor