

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2018**

This last year has been a busy one, both for District and Parish Councillors.

Mid Suffolk and Babergh have now moved to Endeavour House in Ipswich.

Although we share Planning, Scrutiny and Council Tax Officers among other things, we have not fully merged with Babergh. Should residents wish to have a face to face meeting with Officers, they can go to Stowmarket High Street, where the old Post Office used to be.

Regarding the loss of the Botesdale/Rickinghall Post Office, I contacted the Post Master at Stanton Post Office and I asked him if he would be interested in running a satellite service. He said he would be. Although much to-ing and fro-ing by your Chairman with the Royal Mail, we seem to have drawn a blank. However, the Stanton Post Master is still interested in doing this.

Last year, all Mid Suffolk District Councillors were given £6,500 to distribute in their Parishes. I gave Botesdale money for their Neighbourhood Plan. I look after four parishes, so the monies were divided between them.

As you all know, Botesdale has been bombarded with planning applications on a large scale. If any application comes before a planning committee, I, as a District Councillor, can speak on an application but not vote on it.

I have been your Councillor for the last three years and I have enjoyed working with you all.

Derek Osborne, District Councillor