

District Councillors report to 20 February 2022

I do hope all of you have remained safe during the last bout of wind and rain and terrible weather.

The teams at MSDC and SCC, emergency services and energy providers have all been linked to repair and rescue as required. MSDC housing team have been working over the week end to repair where necessary. Power Network gave details for contact which I passed on to the Parish Council but the salient details are ring 105 free to report an issue or visit [www.powernetworks.co.uk](http://www.powernetworks.co.uk) to find out when outages may be reconnected. Of course to do that one would have to have a mobile phone! As the week progresses the weather may still be a problem and for the vulnerable who may require extra support regarding power visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority).

As regards refuse collection please leave bins out in a safe place and if there are issues they will be collected as soon as possible after the collection day.

MSDC have issued their Housing Land Supply details and that stands at 9.54years. Whilst good news that does not mean the Planning Department can sit on their Laurels as housing becomes more and more a requirement for those who do not have a safe home.

The proposal for 54 Homes with 19 affordable properties is due to go to committee some time in April but precise dates not yet confirmed.

There is an interesting application which may not have come across the Debenham Parish's radar but it certainly impacts Debenham to good effect DC/22/00646 which is being progressed by Suffolk County Council, the land owner and many local partners including Environment Agency, Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust and East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board where a proposal for a natural flood management scheme at the headwaters of the Cherry Tree Brook tributary of the River Deben. The intention of course is to reduce possibilities of flooding on low road and into Debenham. You may recall there was one such application at Aspoll.

The budget for MSDC for next year will be discussed on Thursday and the good news is that there will be no increase by MSDC on Council tax. Any increases will be attributable to SCC and the Police.

There is a Digital Skills programme free for businesses on line. To book a workshop visit <https://store.menta.org.uk/collections/training?page=1>

For school holidays there is a varied programme to support parents and young people with many activities including football swimming, crafts and outside cooking! More details on MSDC website.

Talking of activities The Debenham Shed seems to be gaining strength and I am proud to be an honorary member and must take some of those broken items down for consideration, so as well as young people we do have a lot to do in the months ahead for all ages.

Let's hope this covid keeps at bay and we all stay safe and well.

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