

Parish Report APRIL 2015

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FOOD ZONES ; DEFRA has awarded MSDC and Babergh 2 of the 6 Food Enterprise Zones where grants up to £50K can be given to expand food related businesses; Orwell area includes Jimmy's Farm and Suffolk Food Hall
Gipping Valley area; includes Mill lane Stowmarket,

PLANNING AND LAND SUPPLY; the council has failed to allocate 5years of development land as required by government. As a result this could leave the council vulnerable to speculative planning applications outside the local plan

GLIDING CLUB; the first meeting of the liaison group took place on 11th march where there was certainly a degree of common ground. The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd June.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL;

Highways; from now on all potholes will be repaired within 5 days from day of reporting; there will no longer be temporary repairs.

SCHOOLS; there are to be no change to Thurston Community college catchment area even though there is a plan for a new school at Morton Hall.

I have been told that Rattlesden primary with Thurston, Gt Barton and Woolpit primaries may have plans to become an Academy Partnership. They will have to apply to the Dept. of Education to do so. I have agreed the £3,000 from the locality budget for the improvements to the out door space.at the school.

COUNCIL LEADER; following a leadership challenge Cllr mark Bee has stood down and has been replaced by Cllr Colin Noble as a result of an election within the Conservative group.

MOBILE PHONE MAST IN RATTLESDEN; a resident from Drinkstone enquired as to the provider ; as it is on county farm land and paid out of public money the council expects that it will be available to various providers and should be 4G