

Parish Report JUNE 2016

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL; At that meeting the council voted on the DEVOLUTION proposals. I remain unhappy at the plans which I don,t see a devolution and another layer of local government but without any democratic accountability.It was agreed to go ahead but that the public consultation will include a question on the issue of the directly elected mayor,

THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Congratulations on being selected to receive a banner celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna carter which will be presented to the sixth form campus on 4th July where I will be present. This is one of 18 and the only secondary school to be selected.

I was pleased to attend the exhibition of for the GCSE art and design work.

I also took part in an EU referenda debate with the Lower Sixth.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT; there was an info event at Mid Suffolk on 8th June 10.30 and 11.30. I am now clear and am extremely annoyed that the new service will NOT allow the use of bus passes in MID SUFFOLK !! This seems completely illogical. Apparently Suffolk County Council has agreed with the new operator a contract which uses smaller (8 seater) buses. One can opt to take £100 WORTH OF VOUCHERS IF YOU DON, T WANT TO PAY EACH TIME BUT THUS GIVING UP YOUR BUS PASS. I SHALL BE RAISING THIS FURTHER. If you recall I did put an amendment to mid Suffolk budget asking for them to help financially which could have made the difference. towards the cost of community transport which was voted down. (Ipswich borough did to the tune of £15,000). For further info contact 01449 614271 suffolkonboard.com

I have asked the cabinet member to review this and have asked the leader of Mid Suffolk to also help to get this reversed.

(This is of course not for the regular service bus)

MID SUFFOLK; also agreed to the devolution proposal.

PLANNING; the the Envirofield application is scheduled to be heard at committee on 20th July

Hopefully you will have had dates of the Community engagement events re; planning.

The council will be in a better position re the lack of 5 year land supply once the new joint strategy is complete. The STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT has now been published on the web site. It is intended to make a further call for sites in July.

NEW COUNCIL HOUSES; the first new council house in 30 years were completed in Thurston. However with the new housing act there will be new requirement for new housing tenants eg no "life time tenancies"