

# Parish Report DECEMBER 2017

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### **CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Cllr Gordon Jones issued an email to say he is setting up some workshops to consider this with “partners” randomly selected. I was invited. Helen Wilson has. I gate crashed the one in Bury on 9<sup>th</sup> November where there were a few suggestions on how to reduce the asked for saving which is an income generation. I had a meeting with Helen Wilson at Thurston. They have done a survey of parents of which over 60% have said they will drive thus not saving the council money and increasing cars! It will return to cabinet on December 5<sup>th</sup> where I assuming it will then go out to consultation. However, I know Helen and 18 parents are putting question to the cabinet!

**BUDGET;** there is a proposal to increase the council tax by 1.99% plus an extra 3% for adult social care.

**MERGER OF MID SUFFOLK AND BABERGH.** Babergh council has now asked for a legal opinion on this. I have challenged the MSDC leader why this was not officially reported to MSDC council. I have also asked why the financial report is also not being reported to the mid Suffolk cabinet

**NEW LEISURE STRATEGY;** work has been done on the future of leisure facilities. there is a lack of swimming provision in Mid Suffolk and a need to improve the current leisure centre in Stowmarket, possibly replaced by 2030. There is a move to make all existing council run facilities to be self-sustaining.

**BUDGET;** Mid Suffolk is looking at an increase in council tax of 0.5% in 2018/19 with a 0.66% in 2019/20.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL 2018