

## **Report for Freston Parish Council**

**From: Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor**

**Date of meeting: 19 August 2019**

### **Joint Local Plan**

Here is more information about the draft Joint Local Plan document which was approved for consultation last month by the council and is available to view on the Babergh Mid Suffolk webpage

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>.

The consultation period started on 22 July and will run for 10 weeks, closing at 4pm on Monday 30 September 2019. I encourage members of the Parish Council and village to take the time to view this document and send in any comments that they feel are pertinent. These will be taken into consideration before the next stage of the process. You'll see that Freston has been classified as a hamlet in the settlement hierarchy. Page 62 gives you policy background and explanation of this designation.

The Local Plan is laid out in three parts – Strategic Policies, which set out the policies that address the councils priorities and focuses on things like housing needs, affordable housing, climate change, etc. Then you have the non-strategic delivery policies or local policies. The first section focuses on detailed policies for management and delivery of types of development. The second section of Part 2 is the non-strategic place and allocation policies, which details policies for specific places and neighbourhoods. This includes new housing and land allocations, provision of infrastructure and community facilities. The third section includes the new maps for each town/village and you will see that Freston does not have any allocations specified at this stage.

The next bidding round for CIL 123 funding will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The last round ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and there were only four bids submitted. Application forms and details of how and what to apply for are available on the Council website. The process involves a bit of work, but successful bids have been made. It may be worth considering any infrastructure projects that could be undertaken in the village sooner rather than later so that the appropriate evidence can be obtained.

## **Climate and Ecological Emergency**

I thought you would like to hear that Chelmondiston Parish Council has taken the brave step of exploring the possibility of becoming Babergh's first PC to declare a Climate and Ecology Emergency. The move was prompted by a call from stalwart Green Party activist Andrew Sterling, who lives in Chelmondiston. Andrew gave a speech to the Council which spurred them to set up a working group to investigate how Chelmondiston parish can make a positive difference. Andrew is prepared to come and talk to other Parish Councils or interested groups if there is any call for this; I can send a copy of his speech to anyone who is interested in taking this further.

## **Planning**

Application. No: DC/19/03430 | Received: Wed 17 Jul 2019

Validated: Thu 18 Jul 2019 | Status: Granted

Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/00365 - Condition 5 (Schedule of Works) and Condition 11 (Metal Frame)

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