**Appendix 1**

Fornham All Saints - West Suffolk Council Annual Report

Elections

I would like to thank residents for putting their faith in me and re-electing me for a further term, I am truly honoured and look forward to continuing to work with you all.

West Suffolk Council

As of the 1st April 2019 St Edmundsbury Brough Council and Forest Heath District Council merged to create the West Suffolk Council. The head office will be West Suffolk House and we adopted the old West Suffolk Council coats of arms and one of the first pieces of business of the new council will be whether we apply for Borough status.

Budget

On February 19th the west Suffolk’s budget for 2019/20 was approved which was a total budget of just of £48 million.  There will be no council tax increase for West Suffolk residents and this will continue for the next seven years whilst the equalisation of the council tax continues between former St Edmunsbury and Forest Heath.

Town Centre Masterplan

The council approved the masterplan for the Town Centre, which includes proposals for various streets and areas within the Town Centre.

Post Office

The council purchased the old post office building in the Buttermarket and the concept plans are to convert the building to have flats with shops below. Within that proposal is the plan to widen the link so that it provides the link from the Arc to the old town as was promised when the cattle market was re-developed.

Western Way Development

The council approved investment into producing a business case for the extension of the current site in Western Way which included the purchase of the NHS logistics building which is adjacent to the council’s site. Current proposals are being explored to include a public service hub with health and Abbeycroft Leisure being involved.

Planning Applications

Fornham St Martin have had its fair share of planning applications and I have had the pleasure of speaking at both delegation panel and development control on behalf of the parish council and residents both for and against planning applications.

West Suffolk Operational Hub

The construction of the hub continues to progress and as a member of the parish liaison committee we continue to monitor the progress of the build and raise any concerns residents have. The main issue we need to monitor and continue to press is the road infrastructure improvements to cope with the increase in traffic which will be caused by the creation of the Hub. We have asked that traffic monitoring takes place before and after it opens in order to provide evidence of traffic movements to prove the case for improvements to be made.

All Saints Golf Club

The planning application 70 caravans/holiday lodges now has 115 objections against it, I too made an objection on behalf of the residents. The application is still pending decision, it is not likely to be heard by the development control committee until June when the newly formed committee is in place. I will keep everyone informed of progress and dates so that people can attend the committee.

Marnham Park

The development continues, with residents now in situ on site. I continue along with the parish council monitor the development to ensure all planning are adhered to and any issues arising are dealt with. I am in contact on a regular basis with the site manager to be kept inform of developments.