

## Town Clerk's Report for the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Apart from the usual administration duties there has been a lot extra happening this month:

### **Meeting with Dr Dan Poulter and District Councillor Colin Walker:**

At the request of DCllr Colin Walker the Chairman and I met with Dr. Dan Poulter, the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for North Ipswich & Mid Suffolk, who was visiting the Framlingham Ward on Thursday 28th January.

### **SCDC - Northern Area Development Control Sub-Committee:**

I attended the Northern Area Development Control Sub-Committee meeting at Suffolk Coastal District Council when the application for 21 Vyces Road was approved with 4 in favour, 4 against with the Chairman using his casting vote in favour of the application. DCllr Colin Walker substituted for DCllr Winter Rose and declared an interest in the application, so did not take part in the voting. It may have been better for us had he declined being a substitute, and opted instead to speak as the Ward Councillor for Framlingham with the objections. It appears that had he voted there could have been grounds of bias and the applicant would have been justified in appealing if the decision not gone in his favour. The Code of Conduct and declaring interests is always difficult for Councillors and sometimes in spite of the best intentions they get it wrong.

### **Big Freeze event:**

Councillor John Lucas and I attended the Big Freeze event at Suffolk County Council's Endeavour House in Ipswich, which was chaired by Radio Suffolk presenter Mark Murphy. It was a workshop type situation with facilitators on each table and entailed a lot of moving around meeting new people, to discuss what went right, what went wrong and how things could be improved. John and I definitely put our points of view and ideas forward! A response from the workshop is expected within the next two weeks or so...

### **Town Council Guide:**

I have updated the Town Council Guide for 2010/11 and this will be added to the Welcome Packs and available to collect in the Town Council Office. I have also been updating Councillor Photographs for the website, which has proved to be very difficult and has taken some time as Councillors appear to be shy, as when I produce my camera everyone disappears! Hopefully this task will be completed soon!

### **Safer Neighbourhood Team Tasking Meeting and road closures:**

I attended the recent SNT meeting and was able to help liaise with Suffolk County Council highways and Morrisons (Contractors) regarding the EDF works in College Road. Also the Police and SCC highways relating to the new posts and rails in Riverside.

### **Precept info:**

I have responded to an email from Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding the precept requirements, requesting details of income and expenditure for the year 09/10 and 2010/11, which will be published within the Council Tax Booklet produced by SCDC.

### **Police Matters:**

I have written to the Community Safety Officer at SCDC regarding the signs in the car parks in the town as requested. I have notified the Police with regard to the problem of large amounts of litter in the BQP car park in Station Road, which has become a meeting place. The Police will patrol this area and will also concentrate on the enforcement of parking regulations on the Market Hill. There has also been a huge increase in dog fouling problems this month, and several areas have been identified and reported to SCDC.

### **[townclerk@framlingham.com](mailto:townclerk@framlingham.com)**

There have been a few problems with the email facility this month, so if I have not replied to your email, please re-send it. Many thanks to Richard Parlone for the many hours he has spent trying to rectify the problems. All with his usual patience and good humour!

Eileen A Coe (Town Clerk)