

# Framlingham AUGUST 2017

# Town Council News



## FRAM TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTED WITH AWARD!:

Framlingham Town Council was presented with a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme at a ceremony held



on  LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

Tuesday morning at the Town Council offices.

The award was presented by the

Chairman of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils; Mr Philip Hayes. The presentation was followed by refreshments and of course cake.

Cllr James Tanner said: "We are only the third council in Suffolk and the first Town Council to be awarded such an honour. It's taken a great deal of time and focus from Councillors, the Town Clerk and Admin Team to ensure our business practices are the best they can be to achieve this award."



**REFURBISHMENT OF MARKET HILL ELECTRICS:** After taking time to explore options for upgrading the outdated and inefficient electricity supply, we are pleased to announce that a contractor has been commissioned to carry out the work on the project, which is scheduled to take place in the Autumn. Currently the system requires regular repair and is proving to be increasingly costly and insufficient for the demands placed on it. The project is part of our Action Plan to improve access to the Market Hill parking area which is owned and maintained by us. The new system will provide a significant improvement to the Market Hill, meeting the demands on the supply from the existing and potential new market traders also benefitting events held on the Hill such as Late Night Shopping, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Charity Market, and the Soap Box race etc and will hopefully attract new events to our town centre. The total cost for the improvements is £15,923.15 with £6,369.26 (40%) grant secured from Suffolk Coastal District Council's Economic Development Team and the rest provided from the 2016/2017 budget and local Community Infrastructure

Levy (CIL) to cover the total amount.



**BLUE GREEN ALGAE NOTIFICATION UPDATE:** During June you may have noticed that the river appeared to be a sort of blue/green colour and warning signs were erected next to areas with bodies of water. The Environment Agency had detected some potentially highly toxic blue/green algae in the river and Mere, which is potentially toxic to people and animals and everyone was advised not to have any contact with the water and not to let dogs enter or drink the water. The Environment Agency is taking regular samples, the latest on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the results of this are lower than the previous week, however, are still **above the threshold**. Samples will continue to be taken from the Mere and the warnings to stay clear of the water will remain in place until 2 consecutive clear samples are recorded.

**COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** The role of a councillor is voluntary and certain regulations have to be abided by; but it is very rewarding to give something back to the community and help to improve the quality of life here; and be involved in making decisions on important issues which directly affect the town.

There is currently a vacancy on the council. You may be wondering if you could become a councillor and serve the community in this way? The answer is probably yes! You do not need any qualifications, except an interest in what happens in the town and the time to attend meetings and other occasional activities. You need to be 18 years or over, and live or work within 3 miles of Framlingham. Councillors are usually members of two committees, which with the Full Council meeting take up to 3 evenings a month. It is very unusual for meetings to go on longer than 2 hours.

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