

Derek Davis Parish council reports 2019

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I'm delighted to report that the Exacom system I have mentioned before is up and running online.

The pilot website shows all the Community Infrastructure Levy payments, potential, due and collected, for every parish in the district.

[This includes contribution from developments within Shotley and Erwarton as shown in the link here.](#)

Local plan

Due to a number of issues the Local Plan will not go through its final stage until after the elections in May.

This will allow towns and parishes more time to consult on the final version, with the distraction of the elections and in particular the Purdah convention.

Scam warning

Following calls to our offices, Babergh has issued a warning of scammers trying to fish for details offering Council tax refunds or rebanding.. Please note: we ONLY contact you via the post or our online portal, please DO NOT respond to any phone calls or emails offering refunds - stay safe from scammers.

If you do need to update your council tax personal details you can do it all online and go paperless too. Sign up to the new

[MyAccount portal:](#)

Ganges update

The development at Ganges has taken another step closer after key conditions were discharged.

This includes, street lighting, ecological reports and the Construction management plan for phase one.

Archaeological work continues, and while some interesting items have been found, there has been nothing of historical significance reported so far.

There are still a few conditions to be discharged before the spine road, which will mark the beginning of homes being built, and that is the only reason for the delay.

Customer Service Access Point

Everything should be back to normal in terms of the Customer Service Access Point being opened on the first Monday of every month at Shotley Village Hall.

Members of Babergh Customer Service's team will be on hand to help members of the public with any council-related issues, including council tax, voter registration, and utilising online services.

If you have an issue you would like to discuss, please contact me at derek.davis@babergh.gov.uk or 07824167196. My Facebook page is: Derek Davis – independent Councillor