

## **Derek Davis' district council report for Shotley PC – April 2019**

### Gate Farm

Following a robust intervention by myself at the highest level, a new enforcement case officer has been deployed by Babergh to look at the alleged breaches at Gate Farm Caravan Park

A thorough investigation has been carried out and the officer has found evidence of breaches to the rules regulating residential and seasonal caravans and the first stages of enforcement action has begun.

Work carried out on the site is being monitored and a new executive has been appointed by the site owners, who is liaising with residents.

### Queensland

Following complaints by neighbours made to me regarding vandalism and a rat infestation at Queensland, I have taken action to ensure pest controllers address the issue. An inspector has been out and bait is to be laid, shrubbery is to be cut back, boards put up and the site better managed going forward.

Contracts have been put out to tender for the demolition and rebuilding of the social housing, and things should be completed by the end of this year, although getting the electricity poles moved could slow progress.

### Customer Service Access Point

I'm delighted that agreement has been reached with Suffolk Libraries for Babergh's pop up Customer Service Access point to continue operating on the first Monday of each month for the foreseeable future.

This has been my baby since I was appointed onto the cabinet, and the model has been adopted at Hadleigh, while councillors in Mid-Suffolk are looking at getting one in their wards.

The access points are really helpful for residents needing face to face help with any of our services, uploading or scanning documents or just advice on council matters.

The pop up library has also been hugely successful with more than 4,000 attendees over the past two years, and their recent party epitomised the fun children can have while enjoying books and other activities put on by Matt, Tom, Gloria, Rosie and others.

### CIL

Town and Parish councils across Babergh are set to receive a total of £179,000 of community infrastructure funding from the Councils' CIL scheme.

Shotley has £1,125 due, with another potential £8,000 waiting for building commencement to be confirmed.

The parish councils receive this money automatically from developers and can receive up to 15% of collected funds from their area, or up to 25% if they have a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood CIL monies are collected twice yearly and allocated to town and parish councils in April and October.

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