REPORT TO HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

March 2019

At the Council meeting on 19th February, BDC adopted the budget for the coming year. It includes a Council Tax rise of 3.15% in the district council precept, while maintain the Council Reduction Scheme that will see the poorest residents pay just 5% of their bill. Council tax bills will be sent out this month and come into effect on April 1.

Mr Nigel Roberts has been sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, after being found guilty of fly-tipping over 28 tons of commercial and industrial waste, in two locations. BMSDC found evidence after a long investigation, which included GPS tracking data on the waste lorry used in the fly-tipping. Sentences can be as long as 5 years, or a fine of up to £50k for fly-tipping offences.

A new charging schedule for pre-application planning advice will be in force from April 1. A range of charges will apply to different types of development, this is to ensure that homeowners looking to build an extension do not face the same charges as major developers proposing hundreds of new dwellings. Advice available from pre-application enquiries covers a wide range of planning issues, from Highways and Heritage to Ecology and Landscaping.

The news that a new project, funded by BDC and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which aims to bring Sudbury’s silk heritage to life, and to show how silk shaped, and continues to thrive in Sudbury, is sure to bring more focus to the area. This industry has been and continues as an important aspect of the regions heritage.

A cash grant of £100k has been approved to help regenerate St. Peter’s Church, in order to create a self-sustaining venue in the heart of Sudbury, to provide cultural and social experiences and bring the community together whilst delivering a lasting legacy for the area.

BDC is supporting the Rural Services Network in its campaign for a new central government strategy to recognise the needs of rural communities. 17% of the UK’s population live in rural communities, often overlooked in setting financial grants and introducing new policies. This initiative aims to reverse past lack of action.

BMSDC has been awarded a prestigious award, the iESE Bronze award for Transforming Through Technology. This is the first of its kind in the country, it gives access to data on developer contributions, including CIL and S106 payments.

There have been break-ins at garages in Spooner’s Lane, which have been reported to the police, reports of attempted break-in at Molly’s Convenience store, another at Hall Street. It is vital all incidents are reported to the police either by the website, 101, or using the emergency number if appropriate.

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