

## REPORT TO HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

Report by District Cllr Dr Siân Dawson (Hadleigh North Ward)

**McCarthy & Stone** – the development of Phase 1 is completed and residents took up occupancy at the end of August. I have been asked to open the site at a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm for those that may like to attend. I am having a meeting with Project Manager this week to finalise minor details, which could be improved, such as hedging along the edge of the walkway, which does appear rather exposed and needs softening. Babergh have allowed access to Pound Lane to residents for 12 weeks until completion of the site, At the entrance on Pound Lane only 1 of the 3 pillars has a cast stone ball, I think it would be appropriate to include two more on the others pillar caps to improve the entrance. Occupants have been left with no phone and internet, the problem being with BT.

**Cemetery Landscaping** – I walked the cemetery site and am impressed with the work done to date. At the last Town Council meeting I requested the Cemetery Working Group lead by Gavin Talbot to develop a Landscaping Proposal to include planting, and encourage trees to be planted adjacent to the road to reduce austerity and create a floral or evergreen avenue of trees rather than ad hoc planting scheme. Many constituents have asked if the £500,000 + spent by the HTC on the Friars Road Cemetery extension was necessary. I had hope that an independent survey of the cemetery will be completed within two months. I have asked the Town Council to confirm who is carrying out this survey and when will the numbers of available plots be made available to the public?

**Persimmons Phase 2 Planning Application** - south of the Ipswich road has been passed allowing for the development of 170 dwellings and a commercial unit. I have made significant changes to try to improve the landscaping as Phase 1 lacked trees and hedges. Phase 3 has been submitted and I am meeting with the developers to request similar changes and improvements on the site. A key objective is to provide a green development that is environmentally sustainable, which includes energy efficient homes. Completion is expected within 4 years. There will be a contribution of £294,165 towards a pre-school, while Suffolk County Council plans to bid for more than £1.5million in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to expand the primary and secondary schools as well as sixth form provision. I would ask residents to email below if you have any questions regarding this new application.

**Babergh** - Councillors are being asked to consider renaming the council at a special meeting on October 22. It will need a two-thirds majority and if the name change is approved it then has to go to government ministers and the Ordnance Survey to be registered. The Leader advises if a change of name is agreed, implementation costs would be kept to an absolute minimum, tying in with work already taking place

examining how existing logos for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are used and involving councillors from all parties.

**Hadleigh Pool** - Babergh District Council are having a closed ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the start of works to the new pool at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure on Thursday 26 September 2019 at 1pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further questions or advice.

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