

## District Councillor's Report to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Throughout lockdown I have been busy chairing virtual planning committee meetings and licensing meetings. Although not easy at times, Council business must continue to enable Councillors to represent their communities.

The approval of a development of 60 affordable houses (45 of which will be rented) at Woolpit means that there will be a new roundabout at A14/1088 junction. There will also be a new cycleway between Elmswell and Woolpit.

Approval of a planning application at Stowupland will enable further junction improvements to take place near the Co-op junction and also a safe crossing solution is being worked up nearby.

With the latest White Paper on planning out for consultation we will all have to wait and see what any new way forward will bring.

I was pleased to be asked to open the newly refurbished gym and equipment at Debenham Leisure Centre, with health and wellbeing very much to the fore at the moment.

Stradbroke swimming pool and fitness centre has also had a large sum of money invested and is undergoing an upgrade and I am now pleased to report Stowmarket Leisure Centre is also in line for a £2.2m upgrade. Facilities will include the opportunity to book classes etc on line.

Hope this gets us all fit again after a long lockdown

Councillor Mrs Kathie Guthrie for the Debenham Ward