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# *July 2021 District Councillor report*

*for*

## *Hargrave Parish Council*

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**In my role as Vice-Chair of West Suffolk District Council** I recently had the honour of cutting the ribbon to open the new Friendly Bench in Brandon, a community led initiative involving Brandon in Bloom and supported by the lottery fund. Obviously, Hargrave and Brandon are very different places, but both share a strong community spirit and a desire to make use of and showcase the big outdoors. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.



■ ■ ■ ■ ■ The Friendly Bench a place for you to meet

**Parking charges increase in West Suffolk for first time in five years** - The new charges come into effect from today (Monday 5th July). Cllr Peter Stevens, Cllr Susan Glossop and Cllr Sarah Broughton are quoted.

**Playgroup 'proves' how important it is for children to be together** - A plea has been made for parents to support a Chedburgh village playgroup that is "important" for adults' and children's wellbeing. Little Teacups has recently received a grant of £450 from West Suffolk Council, which Mrs Nichols said, "It will make a big difference in keeping it going".

**West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (WSFT)** is launching the first phase of engagement for its proposed hospital site and is inviting members of the local community to share their views. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

### **West Suffolk Civil Parking Enforcement Monthly Update Period: June 2021**

The purpose of this report is to provide monthly information about parking patrols and enforcement across West Suffolk including the Babergh Mid Suffolk areas that we patrol on their behalf. Patrols are undertaken by teams based in three operational centres at Bury, Newmarket and Stowmarket (for Babergh Mid Suffolk). Civil Parking Enforcement in West Suffolk commenced on 6 April 2020 with the general backing of the public and businesses. Parking enforcement on-street had previously been the responsibility of the Police who can now prioritise their resources to more important tasks. Full report attached.

I have received a letter (header below), the letter is attached. In order to help shape my response, I value your views

Dear Councillor,

Please find attached a letter regarding the proposed reforms to the planning system.

Yours sincerely,

**Steve Reed OBE MP**

Member of Parliament for Croydon North

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government



**West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum – 14 July 2021 presented via Microsoft Teams.**

Please see attached your invitation to the Parish and Town Forum with the amended agenda which will be held on 14th July 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Please note we will be utilising technology to its fullest and recording the meeting to allow for those who could not attend to catch up.

To confirm your attendance please email [families.communities@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:families.communities@westsuffolk.gov.uk), upon confirmation the Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent through to you.

Kind Regards,

The Families and Communities Team.

Apologies for so many attachments

*Mike Chester*

District Councillor for the Chedburgh and Chevington Ward

Vice-Chair of West Suffolk District Council