

District Councillor's Report for January 18 2010

First of all apologies for not attending the meeting tonight. I am attending the Debenham Youth Club meeting which has unfortunately been scheduled for the same night. I understand representation from the Parish Council had also been requested.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to telephone me on 01728 861752 or contact me by email on Kathie.Guthrie@midsuffolk.gov.uk

The press have interpreted that Mid Suffolk District Council is to merge with Babergh District Council. *This is not true.* The discussions are about sharing and pooling resources to better effect. We are in discussions but cannot make any firm decisions until we know where we stand with the LGR which has reared its head again.

There are draft regulations in the public domain which, if enacted, could see the equivalent of shadow elections to any new unitary council(s) this MAY. It is a possibility but out of our hands.

The press coverage of the Thornham Walks is also incorrect. The walks will not close. It is the tea rooms and workshops which are under threat and MSDC are looking at ways to help them move forward.

Waste Collection – We know there have been difficulties in some areas with waste collection particularly over the snowy conditions but hopefully things should be back to normal. If people are having difficulty you can telephone and a sack will be sent to you or I have left a few sacks at the Paper shop.

Kathie Guthrie
District councillor