

## **DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Summary of meeting held 18 May 2009**

We were pleased to welcome new councillor, Mr Ian Baldwin, to the meeting. Ian is a family man and keen to support the local community. We look forward to his fresh input to the work of the council.

There has been considerable furore over the fencing erected around the Green next the walkway to Lock Close. We are grateful the matter has been taken in hand by MSDC and Suffolk County Council. We are being kept informed of the position by them and will take part in proceedings when the situation has been clarified.

A contribution towards the costs of staging the Debenham Arts Festival in July was considered and a sum of £250 was agreed towards the committee's general running costs. We wish them every success with the event.

The year end accounts and annual return prepared by the temporary RFO, Mrs Dina Bedwell, were approved prior to audit. The date for submission of the annual accounts to the auditor has been brought forward and Members thanked Dina for ensuring the accounts were prepared in time.

Resignation was received from Nikki Rush from her position as clerk to the council. Nikki had been on long-term sick leave with no return date in the foreseeable future. Nikki was thanked for her work and fresh outlook during her time as Clerk with every good wish for a speedy recovery. Carol Williamson, temporary clerk, and Dina Bedwell, RFO, will cover her duties until further notice.

Sadly Ron Walters tendered his resignation from the Council. Ron had been a councillor for a number of years, chairman for the last year and in earlier days had championed and chaired the steering group producing the Debenham Village Appraisal. Ron stated he may wish to return at some point in the future in the meantime members thanked him for his support and wished him and Tam every enjoyment in their new interests.