

## **Summary of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 19 April 2010**

Having raised our concerns over the recently publicised police changes, Sgt Nick Emerick was welcomed to the meeting to give an update on the changes and the effect these might have at Debenham. We were pleased to hear that officers based at Debenham would remain at seven and although there had been a reduction in response units, 23 down to 9, the Constabulary believed the 9 units were evenly balanced around the County ensuring response officers were in the right place at the right time. The next Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting with community officers will be held at the Sports Centre, Old Newton on 12 May, 7 – 8pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Sgt Emerick reported on PCSO Chris Bales' continued work with the Youth Club. Some support funding had been obtained and we would like to thank Chris for all the work he puts in with our young people. An application for Parish Council funding had been received from the High School to assist with the purchase of equipment for setting up the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at the School - previously pupils had to travel to Woodbridge to participate in the Scheme. We were pleased to grant the requested sum of £200 and wish the Group every success with the scheme.

A planning application for the erection of a new dwelling in Little Back Lane was considered but deferred pending a request for additional information.

A parishioner had expressed his concerns over the lack of available allotment plots - these have become very popular over the last few years. There are 30 individual plots and currently at least 15 people on the waiting list. We will be actively looking at the allotments over the next month or two and would welcome parishioners views, please write to Dina, the clerk, or email her at [debenham.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:debenham.pc@btinternet.com). Subject to approval from Mid Suffolk District Council, members agreed to site a wooden bench on the small triangular Green next the Mencap Home – this would be an ideal resting place for shoppers walking to and from the village centre. Comments from residents would be welcome, again please email Dina at [debenham.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:debenham.pc@btinternet.com) if you have any views.

Date of next meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> May(planning and finance) and 17 May (ordinary).