District Councillors report to 14 September 2018

The Planning application for up to 8 houses at Little London Hill has been approved at committee. I can speak but do not vote at items in my ward. I would say I have never been to a committee meeting where all of the members were so reluctant to put it through but with the amendments (road widening – footway onto The butts and a reduction to 8 houses) it was deemed the only decision. The outcome of the appeal for up to 25 houses is still with the Appeal Inspector.

A planning application for an infill house at Great Back Lane has also been approved. I attended with the planner and met with local residents and amendments have been made to the upstairs windows.

I do not have any further information regarding the Taylor Wimpey application

Mid Suffolk District Council has purchased the Aldi building in Stowmarket along with the Car park and a tenant is being actively sought and there has been much interest. This of course will add to the income of the District Council.

The Foyer, also in Stowmarket, has been reopened for the Homeless. It was originally owned by Flagship and was occupied by 16/25 year olds but funding was lost and it had remained empty for a year. The property is fully furnished and has been brought up to date with new kitchen and bathroom fittings and is for temporary accommodation for the homeless. It will provide housing for 17 vulnerable families and individuals while the Council investigates their needs

Homelessness Reduction Strategy approved by Cabinet. The aim is to cut down on rough sleeping and homelessness in the district. A number of measures are outlined in the strategy and can be found on the website under the Cabinet papers on the Committee Services pages.

A new Grant is available for Shop Front Grants aimed at making their shop fronts more appealing. To apply ask for the Shop Front Scheme leaflet

Finally can I remind everyone I do have a locality budget but not many takers so far!

Councillors Mrs Kathie Guthrie

13 September 2018