

District Councillor Report June 2020 Margaret Maybury

BDC are now into Recovery Cells looking at how the area can economically and socially return to some semblance of life as it was before lockdown still using social distancing and maintaining the stay alert and keeping vigilant campaign.

- BDC offers a Tree for Life for new parents to celebrate the joy and sometimes the sadness of a new birth. I encourage all parents to apply for a tree which can be planted within their own garden or donated to be planted elsewhere.
- A new Discretionary Grant is available for businesses that fell through the cracks of the original business grant which includes those businesses that shared offices or workspaces, market traders, bed and breakfast establishments and small charities properties.
- Towns and larger villages are being helped to establish safe pedestrian ways by a fixed funding scheme.
- £100,000 has helped communities to support their residents during Covid 19.
- A new business and innovation grant of £300,000 is available to help with small businesses with their expansion including employing apprentices. The grants are smaller on average £2,500.
- Please be aware of fraudsters and scammers who are taking Covid 19 as an excuse to extract monies from residents. If in doubt always check the source of suggestions for financial help and gain from any contact.

Other local village matters:

- The parish of Acton, despite considerable opposition, had the latest 100 home development approved at Tamage Road today (03/06/20).
- Little Waldingfield have their Neighbourhood Plan out for its first consultation.
- Great Waldingfield are still hoping to have their historic Crinkle Crankle wall registered as a Listed structure.
- Great Waldingfield after their Annual Parish Council meeting have a new Chairman Renuka Baldwin.
- Chilton are opposing the building of homes on local economic and NHS land.

I offer my congratulations to the parish council who have worked hard to apply for CIL monies for Tenter Piece; Prentice Street Car Park and Toilets and the road closure and alteration system to make Lavenham safe for pedestrians.