

District Councillor Glen Horn's report to Occold Parish Council 11.9.2017

(as summarised by the Parish Clerk)

1. There had been some problems with the brown bin collections but it was hoped that these had now been sorted out. There had been a review of the routes in August. For customers with online access daily updates are posted on the website with regard to any problems with collections, and there is also a Twitter feed. Missed collections can be reported on the website.
2. The ward boundary consultation has now closed and it looks as if the number of District Councillors will be reduced from 40 to 34 or 35. The move to Endeavour House is in progress, but with some 500 personnel to relocate this will take some time to complete, probably until the end of the year. This should not affect delivery of services though. There are offices in Stowmarket and Sudbury to provide contact points, and officers and councillors will be open to attend meetings in many locations such as libraries, village halls, coffee shops etc if a face to face meeting is required. However, it is hoped that the necessity to hold such meetings will be reduced.
3. Consultation on the new joint Local Plan has started and runs until 10<sup>th</sup> November. There are drop in events around the region, with one in Eye being held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2-7pm. Glen Horn is to chair an open meeting in Thorndon with planning officers present to explain and answer questions, and he is happy to do this in Occold or other parishes. It is important for parishes to respond to the consultation in order to share their local knowledge
4. Cllr Horn has a Locality Budget of £6000 to share amongst his parishes this year. An application form can be obtained from his offices