

## **District Councillors - Brendon Bernard & Chris Brown**

### **Parish Council News September 2019**

- The District Council is now reviewing the Norfolk Strategic Planning framework and Joint Inclusive Growth Strategy. Some interesting facts have emerged.
    - Population of Norfolk in 2016 - 891,000 projected to be 985,000 in 2036 - 10 pct increase.
    - Population of South Norfolk - 133,000 in 2016 - 156,000 in 2036 - 18pct increase
    - 88 pct of the total population growth between 2016 and 2036 is in the over 65s category.
    - target for new housing by 2036 - 140,000 houses. With South Norfolk one of the best performing councils for providing affordable housing.
  - South Norfolk and Broadland councils have confirmed that all executive positions are now filled and all departments geared up for further cooperation.
  - Chicken Roundabout wild flowers has been a notable success. We have recommended that the Highways and County Council consider making the new Hempnall roundabout wild flower also.
  - Western Link - The County Council has recommended and support the Option C for the Norwich Western Link. Full details are on the web site, but along with the environmental objections there is the question of who is going to pay for it.
  - Gutters on the A143 between the chicken roundabout and Ellingham have been sorted out.
  - South Norfolk and Broadlands are reviewing their individual waster disposal policies, with the aim of having a joint policy.
- We still have some funds available within the Member's ward funding for local community groups, etc. for grants of £100+. Details on Council website. Any groups interested should email us.