

PAUL CLOVER/MARGARET MAYBURY DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FOR LAVENHAM PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING 14TH MAY 2026.

Lavenham Butchers Culvert

Repairs have been constantly chased. Unfortunately, no update has been provided yet as to whether repairs will be funded.

Conservative Group Leader

Councillor Maybury has recently been elected the new Leader for the Conservative Group. As the main opposition party we will continue to hold Babergh Cabinet to account.

Harwood Estate

Following reports of a rat infestation on the Harwood Estate, has now been reported to the Babergh Tenancy Management team.

Following a report of WW2 ordnance being found at Harwood Place yesterday and evacuation of 20 properties we are pleased to hear that the devices were confirmed as non explosive.

Proposed timetable for new Joint Local Plan

In terms of the key consultation periods for the Joint Local Plan we have just learnt **that** the scoping consultation will take place for at least six weeks in June/July 2026. This will be followed by a Consultation on Content and Evidence in Jan/Feb 2027. Finally the Consultation on the proposed Local Plan will take place in Feb/March 2028 with the plan looking to be adopted in April 2029.

Electrical Recycling Bins

As you may be aware following a fire at a recycling centre in Thetford, these bins have now been withdrawn. There has also been a spate of fires in bin lorries caused by lithium batteries and it could well be that this was the cause of the fire in Thetford. Often these batteries are in sealed units, e.g. electric toothbrushes. Therefore we need to be mindful of these devices as a potential fire risk and the authorities will need to look at a safe system for disposal.