

There have been a lot of changes in the last year at County Hall. The waste strategy has been finished. It took 15 years to develop the waste strategy and now it has been dumped. Thank goodness we have a big hole in the ground in the Kings Lynn area and the energy from the waste plant at Ipswich so that we can dispose of our waste at the moment. What annoys me is that Henry Bellingham and Elizabeth Truss both lobbied Government to withdraw the waste credits of £169m to Norfolk which then made the energy from waste scheme unviable. Thanks to the those MP's we now have a bill to pay of £36m according to the County Council. It is rumoured that Cory Wheelabrater are asking for £400m. I have no idea what the truth really is. We shall have to wait and see. The only thing I am sure of is that thanks to the MP's we have a debt.

We have a new Managing Director starting in August. We have a new Committee System. The Cabinet System is now finished so that you will have no idea who actually made the decisions so you will have no-one to be held to account. Looking forward to the future by using an 1800's system.

I have had a number of cases during the year of instances in the village from youngsters to the elderly from highway problems, transport etc.

Budgets: We know there will be downward pressure and the Government will be giving Local Authorities less money so that we now have to provide services in a new way.

Many challenges ahead – That's my report Chairman - Questions