

# WATTON TOWN MEETING 16th APRIL 2019

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR KEITH GILBERT

As we are in an election period I have to be careful not to use this as an election address. That is not the point of this meeting.

As a member of the opposition on Breckland Council it is my job to ask the awkward questions, which I hope I have done.

Since my last report I have helped individual constituents and groups with a wide range of issues.

For the past four years I have been a member of Breckland's Licensing committee. This has been a new field for me and has been very interesting, looking at matters from taxi licenses to counterfeit cigarettes.

As part of the work I have sat on several Hearing Panels about taxi drivers and, as part of a panel of three members, have had to decide whether or not to suspend, or even revoke, their license. This is all part of making sure that when you book a taxi you can be assured that the driver is a fit and proper person to keep you safe.

I have spoken out about unacceptable planning applications and am at present helping with the application to have the Hare and Barrel listed as an Asset of Community Value.

As I said, we are now in an election period, so I would urge everyone to use their three votes to choose your District Councillors for the next four years, whoever you vote for. Democracy is the key to how our country works. It was hard won, and votes for women was even harder. Please use your votes.

I will be glad to try and answer any questions you may have.

**KEITH GILBERT**