

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

July 2019

Draft Joint Local Plan	A preliminary copy of the draft Joint Local Plan was published as part of the papers for the Council meeting on 27 th June. This is the Regulation 18 version and includes maps of allocated sites and settlement boundaries. It has now been agreed that the Draft Joint Local Plan will go out for a 10-week public consultation on 22 nd July. Our amendment was passed to allow ward members to engage with the Planning Policy to make some minor changes to the settlement boundary and site allocations maps in the next week.
Councillor Locality Budget	Another round of Councillor Locality Budgets has been launched. Each member has £7,350 to allocate to community projects and groups in their ward. The closing date for applications is 31 st January and any community group wishing to apply for funding needs to contact the ward member. The minimum award amount is £250 and any grant awarded must meet one of the Council's strategic objectives.
Bin collection day change	In order to optimise bin collection routes there will be some changes to bin collection days from July. Residents should now have been informed of the new day for refuse collection. The new routes will become operational week commencing 15 th July.
Housing delivery test action plan	As part of the Government's housing reform a Housing Delivery Test has been introduced to monitor housing within local areas. The Council has to publish a Housing Delivery Test Action Plan because it was only meeting 81% of the target figure. Some of the recommended actions include better engagements with developers of stalled sites. This action plan was agreed by Council on 27 th June.
Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan	Stowupland Neighbourhood plan held its referendum earlier in June and has now been adopted as planning policy by MSDC. This is the fourth neighbourhood plan to be adopted.
New directors for CIFCO	Three new directors for MSDC (Suffolk Holdings) Ltd. The directors are now Cllrs Gerard Brewster, Rick Meyer, Peter Gould and Paul Ekpenyong.
Grove Lane planning application DC/19/01876	This outline planning application for 2 dwellings adjacent to Hedgerows, Grove Lane was granted by delegated decision on 5 th June, before the end of the statutory consultation period. MSDC planning are currently seeking legal advice about whether to take this decision to judicial review.
Community Housing event	Sarah attended a community housing briefing last week about Community Led Housing and Assets of Community Value. Hastoe housing are keen to work with Community Land Trusts to develop community housing, which is not part of the Right to Buy scheme so is a good way to provide affordable housing for local people for perpetuity.

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