

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk's Report to the Ordinary Council Meeting 17th June 2019

1 I am pursuing the possibility that we may be able to petition for parking restrictions in the village under the new BMS Area Parking Plan. Feedback to me suggests that, as a starter, time restricted bays on Station Road to service the shops and at the station to, inter alia, give some control over food vending vehicles. As already notified, Suffolk Highways are dealing with the school. Any other suggestions are welcome prior to my engaging further with the CPE team.

2 The monthly 'indicative financial overview' is for Councillor guidance and does not represent other than a very good best-guess at the annual finance flow and outturn. The version circulated this month includes the speculative transactions related to the Wesley project, as forwarded to PWLB in seeking their co-operation. Hence the large differences against the previous months' publications.

3 I am aware of the need to present the revised Standing Orders, as per the Internal Auditor's suggestion. This is, unfortunately, regularly subject to being pushed to the back of the queue give current pressures related to immediate projects. In the meantime, the current document is on the Council's website. Hard copies are available on request.

4 As a point of information, and in light of representations made from various quarters including MSDC Planning Officers, I have convened a meeting of principals involved in the village's Neighbourhood Plan exercise with a view to streamlining a process which might deliver a Plan with the Relief Road as a Community Aspiration appended. If not embedded in the Plan, the Road will cease to be the deadweight that it has represented thus far with its concomitant requirement for statistical back-up and proven support along with wider agency consultation. It can be incorporated in a review at a later date – 2 yearly reviews are statutorily required for the Plan to remain as a material Planning consideration. The meeting will publish a report in due course.

5 Again, as recommended by our Internal Audit, Cllr Osborne has agreed to look into the various options with banks which have a branch in Bury regarding a Council credit card. As previously mentioned, our own bank, the Co-op, will not provide this facility for unincorporated bodies.

6 The statutory Notice of Public Rights regarding the inspection of the accounting records to which the External Audit for the y/e 31.03.2019 is posted, inviting applications to view or to have copies until 26.07.2019.

Peter Dow
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