

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

November 2023

Flooding	After Storm Babet, the Council has been working hard to help residents in affected homes and businesses. Household owners are being urged to report flood damage via Suffolk County Council's reporting tool. Government has announced some financial support and we are waiting to see how this can be distributed. Affected businesses should also contact Mid Suffolk to register for support. Please visit www.midsuffolk.gov.uk for full details.
Solar and Low Carbon Energy	As Mid Suffolk's Council meeting on 26 th October, a position statement on Low Carbon Energy was agreed. In absence of Government policy, the Council cannot make planning policy regarding renewable energy such as solar farms or solar PV on roof-tops. We can only provide a statement of intent in terms of how we wish to see developments proceed. This statement is an interim stage prior to the adoption of supplementary planning guidance in the New Year.
Sustainable Transport	At the same meeting it was agreed to form a working group to review sustainable integrated transport in the district – particularly for walking and cycling. It is hoped to review this in relation to commencing schemes in villages in the district.
Home insulation	The <i>Cosy Homes</i> initiative is being launched on 15 th November. Eligible households will be able to apply for energy efficiency measures in their own homes, including if privately rented. Full details to be available soon. Particularly vulnerable households can continue to access this via the wider Suffolk scheme, www.warmhomessuffolk.org
Council housing repairs	The new Administration at Mid Suffolk is focussing on the backlog of housing repairs that are needed. This backlog will be dealt with via a separate contractor allowing the in-house team to concentrate on day-to-day repairs.
Greenest County	Suffolk's Greenest County Awards are now open for nominations in a number of categories. Community groups, small businesses, schools, individual projects etc are all able to be nominated. Details of the various categories can be found at https://www.greensuffolk.org/creating-the-greenest-county-awards/awards-categories/
Polling arrangements consultation	The Councils are asking residents for feedback on polling arrangements. Residents can submit their views via the website https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/have-your-say-on-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-s-polling-arrangements . Parish Councils should be contacted directly.
Locality Award	A reminder that this year's locality awards are still open for applications. Any group or organisation can apply for amounts of £250 or more. Please contact one of us for an application form.
S106 Funding available	Community groups in Elmswell have been contacted by MSDC Grants team as there are funds available and applications for certain types of project are welcome.
Councillor drop-in sessions	Jen and Sarah have arranged a series of monthly drop-in sessions alternating between Woolpit Teacups and Wesley Café in Elmswell. The next couple of sessions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 12th December 10-12, Teacups Café• Tuesday 16th January 10-12, Wesley Café

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