

**Parish Clerk's Report to the Ordinary Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

- 1 Councillors will be aware of the statutory consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project', NSIP, being the suggestion that pylons should carry the electricity transmission cables across Norfolk & Suffolk to serve offshore wind projects. The response deadline has been put back to 24<sup>th</sup> July because of the general election. I have had no feedback from councillors or residents but the matter has a high profile elsewhere and I feel it right that Elmswell should stay informed. Hence I have circulated a working draft response from BMSDC to inform any debate which might arise.  
EPC's current position thus far is that we do not comment.
- 2 I have met with BMSDC Councillors including Teresa Davis, Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities, to discuss the idea of a District / Parish led initiative to provide Demand Responsive Transport which would build upon our taxi-bus initiative. Mid Suffolk are one step ahead at the moment and I have agreed to hold back on taking anything forward until their plans crystallise.  
Meanwhile I meet soon with Thurston, Beyton and Woolpit to discuss developing the service we have using the BSIP2 scheme grant which we have been awarded.
- 3 The statutory posting of our Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the Government-Appointed external auditors Messrs PKF Littlejohn, as received and approved at our May meeting, offers public examination of Council's accounts from 30<sup>th</sup> May until 13<sup>th</sup> July during which time the books in their entirety are open for public inspection by appointment.
- 4 The first meeting of the Elmswell Tavern Task & Finish Working Party made a promising beginning in the process of transferring responsibility for driving the Community Pub project from ECE to EPC. The expertise and experience retained by keeping the original Management board group together promises the chance of realising the original scheme within a realistic timescale. I recommend and support the group's recommendations.
- 5 The Recommendations of the Crown Mill T&FWP in their Report as circulated would impose no cost and do not, I suggest, need formal sanction from Council.

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