

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

June 2024

Upcoming general election	The next parliamentary general election will take place on Thursday 4 th July. The next scheduled MSDC Council meeting on 27 th June has been cancelled due to the pre-election period. Other meetings may also be cancelled for political reasons.
Annual Council meeting	The Annual Council meeting was held on 22 nd May. The new Chair is Cllr Dan Pratt and his chosen charity for the forthcoming year will be The Food Museum in Stowmarket. Cllr Keith Scarff was appointed as Vice Chair. There were very few other changes to committees.
Community Infrastructure Levy payout	The Neighbourhood CIL payout of over £500k was distributed last month. The Neighbourhood CIL funds are for parishes to spend on infrastructure within their parishes, but they are still able to apply for further funds from the developer contribution. The next bid round for applications to the district for CIL funds opened on 31 st May. The decisions will be taken to the Cabinet meeting in the autumn.
Swimming pool improvements	Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded funding to improve the carbon footprint of the swimming pools. Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre received £180k to fund pool covers, and micro filtration units
Food Waste collections from 2026	Funding to begin food waste collections in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been agreed. The service will launch in 2026 as part of a national requirement from central government. There is approximately £250k shortfall in the funding allocated from central government. The plan will be for every household to receive a new 23-litre food waste bin, as well as a smaller 5-litre caddy for use in the kitchen. The food waste will be collected on a weekly basis.
Gateway 14	Funding of £18.8m has been agreed to create a Skills & Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket – the latest development there to support business, create jobs, and boost the local economy.
Councillor drop-in sessions	Jen and Sarah hold monthly drop-in sessions, alternating between Woolpit Teacups and Wesley Café in Elmswell. The next two sessions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 20th June 10-12 Teacups Café.• Thursday 18th July 10-12 Teacups Café

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