

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

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5 year housing land supply	Mid Suffolk announced that they currently have a 6+ year housing land supply. However, at the recent planning appeal hearing for development on Green Road Woolpit the applicant gave a figure of 3.4 years and the planning consultant for MSDC was giving a figure of about 5.5 years. The decision on this appeal is expected to be made in October.
CIL	Mid Suffolk and Babergh are piloting the publication of the CIL and S106 figures on the web. This has taken quite a lot of time to input all the data since the creation of the Councils. It is possible to look at the amount of funding available down to each parish. The system is currently being trialled on internal servers but will go live to the public in due course.
CIFCO investment strategy.	Full Council received the annual report from CIFCO Capital Ltd. Part of the report is commercially sensitive and hence private but the public part is available on the MSDC website https://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s11215/MC1814.pdf . To date 6 purchases have been made in the 'core' and 'core plus' categories and about half the funds have now been invested.
Changes to Cabinet members	Cllr David Whybrow resigned from the post of portfolio holder for planning. Cllr Glenn Horn is the new portfolio holder for planning.
Tenant Scrutiny Panel	Following a review of the tenant involvement procedure, the Joint Housing Board and the Tenant Forum have been disbanded. A new Tenant Board is being formed, and this will meet the requirements for Tenant Scrutiny.
Wetherden Road development	The reserved matters application for 240 houses either side of Wetherden Road was considered at planning committee on 1 st August. The committee decided to defer the application for improved road layout and parking arrangements. It was then due to be determined on 29 th August but was deferred again as the applicant had submitted new information a few days earlier and the officers need time to respond. I think it may well return in October.
The Foyer, Stowmarket	The Foyer in Stowmarket will open on 10 September as temporary housing provision for up to 17 families. This will be a real boost to reduce homelessness in the district.

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