

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

September 2019

Draft Joint Local Plan	<p>The Draft Joint Local Plan consultation period ends at 4.00 pm on 30th September. A further programme of public consultation events has now been arranged. Local ones include Bacton Village Hall 9th September 2.30 - 6.30 pm and The Mix in Stowmarket 19th September 12.30 - 4.30 pm. More details about the Joint Local Plan can be found on the MSDC website. Paper copies of the draft document are available at all the local Libraries</p> <p>https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/joint-local-plan-preferred-options-july-2019/</p>
Community Infrastructure Levy	<p>The Government has abolished the CIL 123 list regulation and replaced it with new CIL regulations which come into force from 1st September. MSDC is adopting a new position statement to comply with the new regulations, but there is practically no difference from the 123 list. There were only 2 valid bids received for CIL funding in the May 2019 bid round, and both of these bids are to be endorsed by Cabinet this week.</p>
MSDC Finances	<p>Mid Suffolk District Council's first quarter finances show that the Council has a surplus of £180,000. This is caused primarily by a large increase in planning income, of £521,000, which is offset by increases in IT costs of £176,000, CIFCO and Gateway 14 expenses of £98,000 and a reduction in income of £169,000 from the PV panels.</p>
Gateway 14 expansion	<p>Mid Suffolk District Council's subsidiary company Gateway 14 Ltd has completed the purchase of the Stowmarket East site adjacent to the Gateway 14 site. This means that the Council owns a block of land between A14 and the railway line to the east of A1120.</p>
Performance monitoring	<p>The Quarter 1 performance report has been published with the Cabinet papers. Planning applications determined within deadlines has improved. One of the major areas of concern is the BMBS performance where there are several overdue jobs which the team are working hard to complete which affect the % of jobs completed in the agreed timescale. Performance management is taking place to enhance service delivery.</p>
Waste collection	<p>It has become apparent that there were more issues with the new Waste Collection rounds which were introduced in July. There was a one-off instance of the recycling bins being collected with the black bin and this should not happen again under normal circumstances. Hopefully things will settle down again now, once the crews have found all the properties they need to collect from. If there are any further cases of missed bins, please get in touch with us.</p> <p>Information about what to put in your recycling bin can be found on the MSDC website here: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste-Services-Bins/Documents/guide-to-recycling-2019.pdf</p>
Locality Budget	<p>We have received some bids for locality funding. Please could any group wishing to apply for funding get in touch with us. The application deadline is December, but it would be helpful if we received all bids by the beginning of November.</p>

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