

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

December 2022

Exemplar Housing scheme proposal for Elmswell	<p>The council has put forward proposals for an exemplar housing scheme in Elmswell. Unfortunately the way it was publicised led to the community Green and Liberal Democrat Group have called in the decision to go ahead with the exemplar housing scheme on School Road, Elmswell because we believe the decision making process was flawed and not all information was brought before the Cabinet. This means that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will discuss this and may make recommendations for the Cabinet to consider when they discuss it again.</p> <p>The engagement event was well attended by residents, but it was a shame that no Cabinet members attended to hear the comments from the residents.</p>
School Road, Elmswell closure	<p>As part of the Bloor Homes development on School Road, Elmswell, there will be a road closure for 12 weeks minimum from 16th Jan 2023. There will be a diversion via Cross Street/Cooks Road. This will be one- way for HGVs.</p>
Winter Warmth grant scheme	<p>A MSDC Winter Warmth grant of £1000 has been awarded to Elmswell Parish Council which will enable continuous daily heating of the community spaces and coffee shop 9am-4pm, 6 days a week.</p>
Water quality and planning	<p>At the last Council meeting we discussed a motion regarding water quality and the prevalence of wastewater discharges into our rivers and waterways. The motion recommended that this issue will be discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and that planning officers will request more information than the mandatory comments from the water authority.</p>
End of term report	<p>Mid Suffolk's end of term report has been published on the website https://www.babergh.gov.uk/the-council/performance/what-have-we-done-for-you-report</p>
Standards of social housing	<p>Following the tragic death of a toddler in Rochdale, Mid Suffolk and Babergh are undergoing a full diagnostic review of Building Services. This picked up the need to increase our input into resolving issues around mould and damp. We have acted on these recommendations. More officers are now able to deliver damp and mould treatment and employed a Damp Specialist Surveyor</p>
County Deal for Suffolk	<p>The Chancellor announced a new county deal for Suffolk, which hopes to deliver decades of significant investment for the area. The modal is based on having a directly elected Leader for Suffolk County Council (who will not be a mayor) and the current leader/cabinet model will continue. We are still unsure exactly what this will mean for us as a District.</p>
Locality Funding	<p>We still have funds available and would welcome applications from any local club or organisation in need of funding towards the cost of a local project.</p>

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