

# District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

July 2023

Electric Vehicle Charging points in MSDC car parks	Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several car parks including most of the Council car parks in Stowmarket. Anglia Car Charging are beginning the Installation work this week.
Council meetings	The next full Council meeting is to be held in the Blackbourn Community Centre on Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> July from 17:30. Cabinet held their first meeting this week at the John Peel Centre in Stowmarket; most of their business was related to finance reports and monitoring from the previous quarter. The first new planning committee met on 21 <sup>st</sup> June, and the main planning committee meetings will be held monthly.
National Grid Pylon consultation	National Grid has launched its latest public consultation about plans for the new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, This Norwich to Tilbury route has been opposed by the Council, particularly about the impact on the environment. There was a public information event at The Blackbourne on Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm.
Joint Local Plan	The Examination hearings took place at the end of June. They can be viewed on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@bmsdcjlp1676/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@bmsdcjlp1676/streams</a> .
Anti-social behaviour awareness	The MSDC Communities team held some information sessions out and about in the community during the first week of July.
Police and Crime Panel	The Police and Crime Panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The usually meet quarterly and members of the public are welcome to attend and can ask questions relevant to an agenda item. The next meeting is to be held on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July; the agenda will be published 10 days before hand and any public questions need to be lodged by midnight on Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July. More details can be found here: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel</a> There is currently a vacancy for an independent member.
Tour of Britain Cycle race in Suffolk	The route of the Tour of Britain has just been announced. Stage 5 is on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September and the cyclists will race for 190 km around Suffolk starting and finishing in Felixstowe, passing through much of Mid Suffolk and Babergh.
Drop in sessions to meet your district councillor	Jen and Sarah will be meeting monthly in both villages and any member of the public is welcome to come along to talk to us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tues 15<sup>th</sup> August 10-12 Teacups Café in Woolpit</li><li>• Tues 13<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 Wesley Café</li><li>• Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 Teacups Café</li><li>• Tues 14<sup>th</sup> November 10-12 Wesley Café</li><li>• Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December 10-12 Teacups Café</li></ul>

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