


District Councillor Report: Framsdon Parish Council

September 2023

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|  | <p>Mid Suffolk District Council has launched a campaign to clean-up neighbourhoods, build community pride and tackle the doorstep issues that voters said mattered to them. The new 'Pride in Your Place' campaign will give every town and village the opportunity to apply for funding for projects which improve the appearance and cleanliness of their community.</p> <p>Once awarded, the money can be used for initiatives like litter picking, sign cleaning, graffiti removal, the maintenance/enhancement of open public spaces and more.</p> <p>These projects will complement routine grounds and maintenance work already carried out by the council and partner authorities, but Mid Suffolk's new administration also wants to help communities to tackle local frustrations and issues that voters said were important to them during the recent local elections.</p> <p>Under the funding scheme, parishes with a population over 1,500 are eligible to apply for up to £400 in funding. For those with a population below 1,500, up to £250 can be applied for. Applications can also be made by voluntary, community and social enterprises with support from their local town or parish council. They must be received by the council by 31 October 2023 and awards and payments will be made within 21 days of receipt of an eligible application.</p> |
| <p>Annual Canvas & Residents' Survey</p> | <p>MSDC's annual canvas of every household is now underway; completing the form online or on paper ensures that those of us eligible to vote can do so.</p> <p>A representative mix of around 1 in 12 people across Mid Suffolk and Babergh are also currently receiving a Residents' Survey, seeking their views on a range of subjects such as local facilities, their local community, internet access, and wellbeing – results will be available in November.</p> <p>In view of general concern over the additional difficulties the voter ID rules have brought to the conduct of elections and capacity of staff to carry them out, we are arranging a meeting with the Chief Executive to discuss how to maximise voter registration in sections of the population most likely to be put at a disadvantage.</p> |
| <p>Locality awards</p> | <p>This year's locality awards are now open for applications. Any group or organisation can apply for amounts of £250 or more.</p> |
| <p>Grants</p> | <p>Capital grants for up to £10000, and Community development grants for up to £20000 are available for a wide range of projects to improve the lives of our communities.</p> |
| <p>Greenhouse Gas report 2021-22</p> | <p>Local Authorities have to publish an annual Greenhouse Gas Report highlighting the greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint relating to their estate and operations. The report was discussed by full Council on</p> |

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| | 19 th July and it was agreed to set up a 'Task and Finish' panel to review activities to help reach the net-zero target in 2030. |
| Solar farms | <p>Cllr Mellen as leader of MSDC spoke at the LGA conference at Bournemouth last week, suggesting that the Government should provide a clear national framework for the development of solar farms. There needs to be a balance between delivering renewable energy, food production and protecting our valuable landscape.</p> <p>Planning committee members are working to inform themselves on what constitutes a well designed and managed solar farm and an appropriate location.</p> |

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