

## District Councillor's Report for Gislingham Ward: Mellis, Gislingham, Thornham, Wortham & Burgate, Wickham Skeith Parish Councils

Nov 2022

CIFCO	<p>CIFCO delivers good value to the Councils; the key points are: appropriate measures of performance; the business plan is robust and appropriate for the next 12 months; and there is sufficient confidence in the management of CIFCO.</p> <p>The primary objective is sustainability and there has been considerable investment in the properties to continue to attract a good return.</p>
Mid Suffolk rural transport/electric minibus project.	<p>Member Working Group meeting monthly – next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November</p> <p>Last meeting there was a presentation from Communities Together East Anglia regarding a possible model for using electric vehicles and delivering a community service. This was costed and had several good ideas.</p> <p>SCC is working on a dedicated APP to enable individuals to access the service – KATCH2.</p> <p>The benefits to the local economic community and how they correspond to residents needs is under debate. Should Diss be a destination?</p>
Parking Strategy	<p>MSDC has produced its first Parking Strategy for the Councils, it involved considerable public consultation with significant levels of online responses. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the Parking Strategy and made several comments including:</p> <p>Transport to school often leads to on street parking. A strategy for reducing the problems caused by parent parking needs to be developed, probably with SCC.</p>
Gateway 14	<p><b>CURRENT PROGRESS</b></p> <p>Approved infrastructure being installed currently</p> <p>Upgrade works to the A1120 are progressing well with planned completion in December 2022</p> <p>Currently the traffic cones associated with the Foul Water installation, Toucan crossing, revised kerb lines and street light works are expected to be completed Nov Dec 22.</p> <p>Onsite landscaping shall commence in January 2023 and be phased to suit planting periods.</p> <p>Planning is coming forward regarding the largest plot, No.4000 of a building of 108,899 sq m. To be occupied by the Range autumn 23. They are promising to achieve high sustainability standards: A Net Zero building to shell and core, EPC Rating A ,BREEAM 'Excellent' -Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method</p> <p>This is significantly in excess of planning policy requirements and the requirements of the outline planning permission</p> <p>Note: 25% of the roof will be fitted with PV cells, this will supply approx. 4x the buildings core requirements.</p> <p>Over the whole site, the infrastructure will be in place for a local network but, until UK Power Networks commits to enabling the export of power to the grid, the potential for this building and the site as a whole to generate power is compromised.</p>
CIL	<p>Letters have been sent to parishes advising of the amounts of CIL Neighbourhood Parish Payments that they will be receiving in October 2022.</p>
Investment Zones	<p>Questions were asked at the Council Meeting regarding the consequences of taking part in the proposed Investment Zones echoing concerns that have been raised nationally regarding the relaxation of environmental and planning rules. Also drawing attention to how this might cause established business to relocate causing economic disruption and</p>

	without overall benefit, and whether or not the shortfall in business rates will be made up by government support.
Joint Local Plan	<p>Information asked for has been provided to the Judicial Review Panel, the revised scheme will come to council 27<sup>th</sup> Oct and the Final Revision March 2023. This mainly concerns Part 1, Strategies and Strategic Polies. Bearing in mind the existing LDS was published in July 2020, Part 2 Local Policies will now be subject to a formal review to bring it up to date, correcting inaccuracies that have occurred.</p> <p>Nine SPDs are introduced in the LDS together with associated timescales for their production. SPDs build upon and provide more detailed guidance on policies in an adopted Local Plan document. The SPDs are to follow adoption of a Part 1 Joint Local Plan. They cannot introduce new planning policies into the Development Plan, but they are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. These cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Housing;</li> <li>• Biodiversity and Trees;</li> <li>• Wellbeing and Health;</li> <li>• Design – Part A: Sustainable Construction;</li> <li>• Design – Part B: Local Design Codes;</li> <li>• Intensive Livestock and Poultry;</li> <li>• Renewable and Low Carbon Energy;</li> <li>• Natural and Historic Environment;</li> <li>and</li> <li>• Guidance to Marketing of Employment and Community Uses</li> </ul> <p>These will guide development to 2037</p> <p>Draft figures for Mid Suffolk housing supply - 10.5 years.</p> <p>The corporate manager is confident that although it is challenging, they have a full complement of staff and are confident of success.</p>
Electoral Services	<p>Residents will shortly start receiving letters and emails from the Electoral Services Team asking them to check and update the information we hold on their household. The emails are being sent via the GOV.UK Notify email service. and will look like the dummy example attached.</p> <p>The letters will be branded with the joint logo and any replay envelopes will be addressed to Endeavour House.</p> <p>Residents who want to respond to us online will be asked to use <a href="https://www.registersecurely.com/BaberghandMidSuffolk">https://www.registersecurely.com/BaberghandMidSuffolk</a> this website is managed by our contractor and is fully integrated with our Electoral Management System.</p>
Locality Grant scheme 2022/23	<p>The next round of Locality Grants is still open. Although the deadline is not until March 2023, I welcome applications from community groups. Details are available on the website <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/locality-awards-guidance/">https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/locality-awards-guidance/</a>. Please contact me in the first instance.</p> <p>There has been some relaxing of the rules in response to the current energy and cost of living crisis and I would be able to fund social events aimed at improving community wellbeing.</p>

Cllr. Rowland Warboys (Green Party)

MSDC

Email: rowland.warboys@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Tel. 01379 783412 Mobile: 07484 186121