

## Parish Report May 2019

### Walsham-le-Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

[Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk) Tel: 07714-597980 Twitter: @jesstfleming

**Suffolk Walking Festival** – Launched last Saturday, there are 120 different guided walks and something for everyone. All walks are ticketed which and purchased in advance. To find out more and buy tickets visit [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk)

**Womens OVO Cycle Race** -.On Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> the first stage of Britain’s longest-running professional UCI Women’s World Tour series race will pass through Mid Suffolk (Eye, Walsham, Stowmarket). Download the [Stage 1 map from Beccles to Stowmarket](#) (PDF, 734KB).

**Special Education Needs Funding** - On 23 April, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet agreed a financial investment of up to £45.6 million to support the development of local specialist provisions for children and young people with SEND. This includes three new special schools and 36 specialist units attached to existing mainstream schools, a number of which aim to open in 2020

**Greenest County Entries Open** - Nominations are needed to celebrate Suffolk’s green champions at this summer’s 10th Creating the Greenest County awards. The deadline for entries has been extended until Monday 20 May. . Nominations can be submitted online at <http://www.greensuffolk.org/awards/>. The awards ceremony will be held on 17 July 2019.

**Energy Grants** - A range of energy and environmental funding for community projects can be found at; <http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/grants-and-funding-opportunities/>

For village halls: [Applicants can apply for grants by following this link.](#)



## Parish Report May 2019

### Mid Suffolk District Council

#### Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

**New Administration May 2019** – Mid Suffolk Council's May elections have returned a Conservatives majority (16 seats), the Green Party has 12 and Liberal Democrats 5 with one Independent member. A new administration will be formalised at the next Full Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**MSDC Housing Land Supply** – As of March 2019 Mid Suffolk can demonstrate a 5.06-year housing land supply using July 2018 National Planning Policy Framework guidance. This enables the district to base current planning decisions primarily on its Local Plan policies rather than on national policies. The new District home building target is a running average of 690 dwellings per year.

**Local Plan Update** – Over the past year Mid Suffolk has received numerous responses to its call for new residential and commercial development sites. The Draft Joint Local Plan is currently under review to ensure it reflects the most current national policies (February 2019 NPPF) and will be available for public consultation this coming summer.

**Community Infrastructure Levy** - Mid Suffolk and Babergh have placed all CIL and Section 106 funds generated by local development on a publicly available database [Exacom database](#) – this gives access to monies brought in and spent since 1974.

**Neighbourhood Plans** – Neighbourhood Development Plans for Debenham and Stradbroke were adopted in March as part of Mid Suffolk's Development Plan, they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> areas in the district to complete this process through adoption. As part of the Development Plan they are considered 'material' in determining planning applications.

**Partnership with Norse Group** - Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils have established joint venture companies to build local housing on council-owned land. Babergh Growth and Mid Suffolk Growth will work in partnership with property experts within the Norse Group, which has already established a similar successful partnership in Norfolk, known as Broadland Growth.

Overall, Mid Suffolk Council has established itself at new headquarters in Ipswich along with Babergh and Suffolk County Council. This move enables closer working between the various officers and members and appears to be working well. The vacated premises in Needham market have received planning permission for development for new homes.

Cllr Jessica Fleming: [Jessica.fleming@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.fleming@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

Tel: 07714-597980 Twitter: @jesstflem