

Walsham Le Willows Parish Council Meeting 9 Jul 2019 - District Councillor's Report

Council pledges support for Bosch workers

Mid Suffolk District Council has pledged to support all its residents facing redundancy as a result of changes at Bosch's Lawn & Garden factory in Stowmarket, following the company's announcement of a restructure that could affect jobs at the site. The support will be tailored to the situation in Stowmarket, which will become clearer over the coming weeks.

Housing Survey Open to all Tenants and Leaseholders

Council tenants and leaseholders have been sent a survey asking them to rate the services they receive from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils as their landlord. The Councils have commissioned Marketing Means to carry out a comprehensive housing satisfaction survey. 7,000 households across the districts will have until 28 June 2019 to have their say on the housing services they receive from the councils. Returned surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win one of four £50 shopping vouchers.

Changes to recycling

The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Gt Blakenham, where recycling collected from Suffolk households is sorted, will be undergoing a major refurbishment. This follows a new contract for the operation of Suffolk's countywide network of 11 Recycling Centres. This will result a state-of-the-art facility for Suffolk, with the latest mechanical and optical sorting equipment.

During the renovation period, kerbside recycling will be collected as usual and will be delivered to other UK sorting facilities. Residents should note, however, **until Oct 2019** that drink cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak) and metal pots, pans and trays will no longer be accepted in their recycling bin and instead can be recycled at all [11 of Suffolk's Recycling Centres](#).

Home-Start Charity Named as Chair's Choice

Cllr Lavinia Hadingham, Councillor for Fressingfield and newly elected Chair of Mid Suffolk District Council, has named Mid Suffolk Home-Start as her Chair's Charity for the year. Home-Start is a charity that recruits and trains volunteers who have parenting experience themselves and offer families informal, friendly and confidential support. Their work is all about the early intervention that prevents a situation turning into a crisis. The charity seeks to empower parents to help themselves through the support of volunteers who have parenting experience themselves.

Greater support lined up to help rough sleepers

Greater support will be available in Suffolk to help rough sleepers find and retain private sector housing following a successful bid for Government funds. As a result Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, along with West Suffolk Council, are to create a Supported Lettings Team that will enable it to offer greater assurances and confidence to landlords to house these tenants.

Plans submitted for the future of former Stowmarket Middle School site

Mid Suffolk District Council has submitted a planning application to transform the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 much-needed affordable homes for the town. The planning application, proposes building 38 dwellings on the site of the former middle school in Walnut Tree Walk.

Councils' cutting-edge database shortlisted for Paperless Awards

Babergh and Mid Suffolk's Exacom database has been shortlisted for the Public Sector Paperless Awards' Big Data Project of the Year. The awards, that celebrate what can be achieved through digital innovation, announced their shortlist last week ahead of a national Awards ceremony in July.

Towns and Parishes get £290k CIL Boost in Mid Suffolk

Town and Parish councils across Mid Suffolk are set to receive a total of £289,114.30 of community infrastructure funding from the Council's CIL scheme. The Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds were collected from property developers between 1 October 2018 and 31 March 2019 will provide a much-needed boost to town and parish councils and parish meetings in the and Mid Suffolk area.

New Electric Vehicle Charging Point come to Needham Lake

Motorists across East Anglia can now recharge their electric vehicles in as little as 30 minutes at one of a network of 11 new rapid chargers, installed along the region's strategic road networks. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are leading a Highways England funded project of seven local authorities, in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex, working together to install rapid charging points along strategic roads in East Anglia, with one of the first now operational in Needham Market.

Draft Joint Local Plan

At the Council meeting of 25 June 19 the draft Joint Local Plan was approved for release for consultation. As a result, the policies within the plan can now be taken into account when deciding planning applications with particular regard to settlement boundaries. The weighting accorded the document will increase once it has been approved for issue.

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