

## **Walsham Le Willows Parish Council Meeting 13 Aug 2019 - District Councillor's Report**

### **Draft Joint Local Plan out for consultation**

Residents are being invited to have their say on the future of growth across two Suffolk districts, as Babergh and Mid Suffolk open a second round of consultation on their new draft Joint Local Plan. The draft Joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals over the next 18 years, up to 2036. Residents can take part online, or by visiting one of 18 public consultation events planned across the two districts.

### **CIFCO Business Plan for 2019/20 agreed**

Meetings of Babergh and Mid Suffolk's Full Councils have approved CIFCO Capital Ltd's future plans, looking to increase the £1.4m annual income it already generates for the districts' through property investment – the equivalent of increasing council tax by more than 12%. CIFCO's business plan for 2019/20 will now form the basis of its trading over the next 12 months – including the investment of a further £50m agreed by both councils back in February. Councillor R Meyer has been appointed a director of both Cifco and its parent Company.

### **Helpful Links for Bin Collections**

Bin collections have now changed to their new dates. Please find below a few useful links to assist in responding to any queries from residents:

My Waste Hasn't Been Collected: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/my-waste-hasnt-been-collected/>

Bin Collection FAQs: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/bin-day-changes-faqs/>

Please share these links and encourage residents to report missed bins online, where the Waste Team can deal with them as quickly as possible.

### **Council teams up with CCGs to launch Active Schools**

A new Active Schools programme has been launched at Freeman Primary School in Stowupland, as part of Mid Suffolk and Babergh's Active Schools programme aiming to increase physical activity in primary schools and combat rising childhood obesity. The project, run in partnership with NHS West Suffolk and NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) will run for three years with the support of Active Suffolk, the Active Partnership for Suffolk dedicated to increasing the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity.

### **Councils support 2030 Carbon Neutral ambitions**

Councillors at Mid Suffolk District Council have voted on motions to support Suffolk's county-wide aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. At a full Council meeting on Thursday 25 July Mid Suffolk District Council pledged to set up a taskforce, in partnership with other public sector partners, taking a step forward in becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Mid Suffolk also adopted a motion to help protect wildlife and biodiversity in the district, including a pledge to review existing and potential wildlife corridors as part of the climate change task force.

### **Cool off with a Free Summer Swim**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, in partnership with Abbeycroft Leisure and Everyone Active, are encouraging younger residents to get active over the summer holidays by offering free swims at their leisure centres. Children aged 16 and under across the districts, can cool off in the pool during the summer holidays for free during public swimming sessions at Abbeycroft Leisure and Everyone Active centres.

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