

Mid Suffolk District Councillor's Report – Palgrave Parish Council (July 13th 2023)

MSDC update	<p>Over the last month the Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) administration has been working on plans for delivery of its key priorities for the next year and beyond.</p> <p>Planning: The new MSDC Planning Committee has been formed. The previous system of two planning committees (A and B) has been changed to one planning committee, which held its first meeting on June 21st.</p>
Electric vehicle charging points in MSDC carparks	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points in several carparks - including most of the Council carparks in Stowmarket, and car parks in Lavenham and Sudbury.</p> <p>Anglia Car Charging have begun the installation work.</p>
Half Term activities	<p>A range of activities for children and young people were funded by MSDC during the June half term week. These included sport, art and dance classes in locations throughout Mid Suffolk. Children who receive free school meals were able to swim for free at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swimming Pool.</p>
Light Pollution – Eye Airfield	<p>Complaints received in respect of excessive light (from residents in more than two parishes) have been investigated by a Planning Officer at MSDC. Light fixtures and usage – at the time of the unannounced visit – was found compliant with the approved application. Environmental impact now being reviewed re. bats/birds/insects.</p>
Community Led Housing - Palgrave	<p>The Strategic Housing team wanted to contact you to let you know about some work we are doing to see whether we can encourage some additional affordable housing in your area.</p> <p>MSDC are working closely with Community Action Suffolk (CAS), who have been approached to contact Palgrave Parish Council to see whether they would be interested in progressing Community Led Housing or a Rural Exception Site. It is believed Palgrave has higher demand for affordable housing than other parts of Mid Suffolk and a limited supply, appetite for interest to progress a scheme is being explored. It is one of six areas in Mid Suffolk CAS has been asked to approach.</p> <p>Links below may provide context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is community led housing? Community Led Homes • English Rural Rural Roots: How Exception Sites and Section 106 Agreements Keep Local People in their Communities •
MSDC Community Grants	<p>MSDC has a rolling grants programme available to fund activity by community organisations. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Locality fund – details are now on the website, below. ○ Capital grants to help community groups to make repairs and improvements to village halls, play areas etc. Awards are up to £10,000, covering up to 100% of the project cost. Applications reopen <u>31st July to 29th September 2023</u>. ○ Community development grants of up to £20,000 can be used for both capital and revenue costs for local initiatives and activities. Applications for the next round will open 1st September to 31st October. ○ Other grants are also available <p>For details see: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/babergh-and-mid-suffolk-district-council-funding/</p>

	Grant officers can provide information and advice to groups wishing to apply for these funds.
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