

District Councillor Report: Walsham Le Willows Parish Council

July 2024

Items held back by the election process	<p>The following items are all awaiting approval and had been put on hold due to the election:</p> <p>a proposal to support residents in need with Council Tax reductions and increased provision for household support</p> <p>a new social value policy to ensure Council investments take into account environmental and social factors</p> <p>a regeneration initiative for Stowmarket town centre which will target empty properties and allow small business to bid for assistance in setting up in the town centre</p> <p>a review the Grants process with a view to simplifying the process as well as leveraging additional external funding</p> <p>a new set of district CIL awards</p> <p>the response to the statutory consultation for the Norwich to Tilbury National Strategic Infrastructure Project (NSIP).</p>
Local listed building consent	<p>The re-scheduled Council meeting will be on 25th July. One of the items for discussion and approval include the potential adoption of a local listed building consent order and local development order. If approved this will potentially enable owners of listed buildings to apply specific energy efficiency measures to their homes without onerous planning requirements.</p>
Support for buses	<p>Working with SCC, MSDC has awarded £300k to two operators for the trialling of additional routes. These will be mini bus routes and full details will be announced soon.</p>
Simmonds bus service	<p>We have a serious issue with the Simmonds bus service being in meltdown and not reliable which is significantly impacting residents' lives. Multiple services on multiple days are getting cancelled with no notice. Examples of the impact are residents unable to get to work on an ongoing basis; kids unable to get to exams; people having to walk miles for a connection; money having to spent on taxis etc.</p>
Locality Awards	<p>Applications for this year's Locality Awards grants are now open.</p> <p>https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/locality-awards</p>
Walsham Footpaths	<p>Wattisfield Road to Sports Club Route– expect the revised CIL bid to be approved by autumn so work can go ahead in the autumn</p>

	<p>Palmer Street – awaiting feedback from SCC – have chased.</p>
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	<p>Along Summer Road to Sports Club Route – have been in contact with Cayzer Trust agents and am still waiting for a response</p>
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