

District Councillor Report: Walsham Le Willows

November 2024

Mandatory housing numbers	<p>MSDC undertook a Call for Sites exercise at the start of the year. These site submissions are still being assessed as part of the work being undertaking to deliver Joint Local Plan (JLP) Part 2.</p> <p>The Government are proposing new mandatory housing requirement figures for each local authority area. The proposed draft figure (at July 2024) for Mid Suffolk is 753 dwellings per annum. This represents an approximate 41% increase over the figure set out in JLP Part 1.</p> <p>MSDC are awaiting the Government to publish their final figures and to confirm any potential impacts on the JLP Part 2.</p>
Simonds Bus service	<p>A campaign called “Save Our Buses” is making a bid for funding from Suffolk County Council to keep the current 73 bus service operational.</p> <p>The bid is being produced in conjunction with Simonds as we understand that this is the most likely route to success.</p> <p>The bid involves support form the following Parishes - Garboldisham, Hopton, Market Weston, Barningham, Bardwell, Walsham Le Willows, Badwell Ash, Hunston, Stowlangtoft, Pakenham and Great Barton.</p> <p>We are getting all relevant Parish Councils, County Councillors and District Councillors to write supporting the bid. We are also asking the two MPs – Adrian and Peter Prinsley.</p> <p>We are still awaiting a planned time table from Simonds but it will cover the core elements of the existing 73 service with an additional later bus for anyone working and with a Saturday service option.</p>
Demand responsive community bus	<p>From 4 November, the Rural Connect community bus service operated by Communities Together East Anglia will provide a demand responsive service with a pre-bookable door-to-door service.</p> <p>Bookings can be made via phone or email up to two weeks in advance. Journeys will cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 to 4 miles - £ 3.00• 5 to 7 miles - £ 4.50• 8 to 10 miles - £ 6.50• 11 to 13 miles - £8.00• 14 to 16 miles - £10.00• 17 to 20 miles - £ 12.00

Footpaths update	<p>Wattisfield Road to Sports Club all signed off and is now awaiting for contractor to be assigned,</p> <p>Palmer Street – still waiting for Highways to specify. Have agreed we will assign MSDC funded resource to get this done as soon as person appointed.</p> <p>Summer Road – still chasing Cayzer Trust which is proving difficult</p>
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