

Onehouse Ward – Parish Report - July 2025

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| <p>Councillors Support Motions Calling for Speed Limit changes and a Disability Champion</p> | <p>Two motions gained cross-party support at Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC)'s June 26th Council meeting (available to watch on YouTube). The first called on Suffolk County Council to make the process for applying for 20mph zones simpler and more cost effective in areas where they have community support, and to commit to a future target for zero deaths on our county's roads. A second motion was to appoint a disability champion for Mid Suffolk, whose role will include seeking to raise awareness and to improve accessibility to public buildings and services.</p> |
| <p>Pride In Your Place Grant Re-Launched</p> | <p>This fund to promote local identity and tidy up the environment has now re-opened for applications. Funds can be awarded to Parish Councils or community and voluntary groups – for example for planting schemes, local heritage and cultural initiatives, new signage, benches and seating areas for public use, and equipment for litter picks and community clean-up. More information via our Community Funding page: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/community-funding</p> |
| <p>Seeking your views on the future of local government in Suffolk</p> | <p>The Survey for residents to have their say on the future local government options (https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk) is closing late July. Mid Suffolk must submit its final recommendations in September. The final decision as to how the county will be reorganised will be made by national government.</p> |
| <p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Review</p> | <p>CIL is a charge that planning authorities can levy on new developments to help deliver community infrastructure in the district. MSDC annually review the guidelines on how CIL is spent to ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs and priorities of our communities. The new changes make for more agile CIL applications by ceasing the 'bid round windows' and enabling all-year CIL bids. The scope for CIL spending has also been broadened to include community farming projects and community run pubs and cafes.</p> |
| <p>MSDC Welcomes New Councillor Following By-Election</p> | <p>Dr Agnes Watson (Green Party) was elected to represent Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden after a by-election on 12th June.</p> |
| <p>Cabinet Agenda July</p> | <p>Cabinet approved a major grant to the Food Museum and improvements to the Creeting Rd depot, needed to accommodate additional recycling streams next year. (the project to find a new depot is on hold due to uncertainty around local government reorganisation). These decisions will need to be endorsed by a full council meeting</p> |
| <p>Locality Budget</p> | <p>I will be pleased to hear from organisations with project ideas to benefit the communities.</p> <p>Full details available https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards</p> |