

## Onehouse Ward – Parish Report - June 2025

Annual Council Meeting	The annual council meeting for Mid Suffolk District Council took place on the 15 <sup>th</sup> May, and confirmed new appointments for the council. This included the appointment of Cllr Keith Scarff as Chair of the council, and Cllr Lorraine Baker as Vice Chair.
Devolution and local government re-organisation update	The council has received a response from central government in regards to its proposed plans for council re-organisation. The response was welcome to the proposal to have multiple unitaries, although the actual number is still down to the councils.
Seeking your views on the future of local government in Suffolk	Mid Suffolk has organised a survey on behalf of all the Districts and Borough of Ipswich, which allows residents across Suffolk to voice their opinions and concerns. <a href="https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk">Project: Have Your Say on the Future of Local Government...   Mid Suffolk District Council</a> <a href="https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk">https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk</a>
Cabinet Agenda June 10th	A major allocation of CIL funding £3m for the Elmswell to Woolpit footway and cycleway is recommended, as are £33,750 for Rattlesden church and £100,000 Needham Market football club new stand. Each project also involves funding from other sources.
Locality Budget	Several awards have been paid out and others are in progress. There is still plenty left from the increased budget, and I will be pleased to hear from organisations with project ideas to benefit the communities.  Full details available <a href="https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards">https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards</a>
River Ratt catchment	With help I was able to remove the main remaining patch of Himalayan balsam from the council-owned land near Wash Lane, Great Finborough. News of this invasive species anywhere upstream would be welcome. Landowners are encouraged to pull it up when spotted, to benefit the environment and help others downstream.

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