



## November 2023

Welcome to my monthly newsletter

### Full council motion

End of Sept full council I spoke in favour a Labour party motion asking for the council to work with all parties to improve the standard of housekeeping, waste collection and grounds maintenance. Previously my responsibility I am very disappointed to see standards drop considerably. Weeds seem be growing everywhere without any consideration of removing them (weeds in pavements do not provide anything positive for our biodiversity and in fact cost the council as weeds break up pavements increasing maintenance costs for Suffolk county council - and a health and safety issue. The wild flower border up to the main entrance at our Melton Office has almost disappeared – which is heart breaking

North of the district apparently there is much more fly tipping and wate collection issues so I am pleased this task group is going ahead and I will be sitting on this committee. I hope very much we can put pressure on the county council where road signs seem to be in a desperate state

### Road signs and Flooding

I continue to flag up inadequate and broken signs through the officers at East Suffolk Hoping this will reinforce the reporting by our parish clerks - they seem to be getting worse and will continue to do so as our weather takes a more dramatic step

I am very mindful there is not enough emphasis on highways issues on the peninsula. When highways are damaged and flooded they create real isolation issues for residents and of course might be a risk to life as emergency services are not able to access. I have therefore, in particular to highlight Butley issues, contacted Cllr West at Suffolk county council

requesting in particular greater funding, repair of broken signs and a task groups to work with all stakeholders to solve the issues

Press release attached

This was also picked up by radio Suffolk which I gave an interview and the bbc news website

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-67372515>





## Garden fires and fireworks

As cabinet member for the environment I designed a leaflet and published guidance on how to have a safe domestic fire.

Fireworks seem to go off over the entire month of November and unfortunately a district council has very little control over issues on a private land

That said I do feel the council has an obligation to local communities to offer guidance so I attach my leaflet. I am not aware of any current campaigns by East Suffolk

However please pass this attached leaflet to any residents who are planning a fire or is disturbed by a fire - all we ask is consideration and good neighbour principle

Environment protection however can step in if there is a pattern of behaviour so please log any issues asap.

And we must always check for hedgehogs before lighting a garden fire



## ACTION NOTES

- A third planning application has been submitted for camping at Ramsholt - I made a site visit and submitted my comments  
Not against camping sites but along the river Deben in the middle of the AONB and an area rich in Biodiversity this is clearly not acceptable and I objected as strongly as I could.
- I contacted Cllr Yule – cabinet member for housing - on behalf of Bawdsey Parish council over the rules and reasoning behind CIL funding  
Previously the chair had made contact with no reply so I hope with my intervention a conversation can start - still waiting for a reply
- I have flagged up a couple of issues of badly maintained houses - with over grown undergrowth , reports of rats and discussed cars to Environment Protection
- And of course I was deeply shocked and concerned over the recent murder at Sutton Heath. I spoke with residents and the parish council to offer my sympathy and support
- I have reached out to residents on Coronation Avenue to understand issues with the planning application submitted by East Suffolk , and I have had spoken to officers at East Suffolk at length to understand at length why conclusions were made - rightly or wrongly  
Good press article:  
<https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/woodbridge/call-for-start-over-on-plans-for-affordable-homes-in-villa-9338765/>  
  
Disappointing to see that there has been no local engagement (different to the rhetoric of the council saying they are inclusive) and I am a little lost for words why the houses are not 100 pct environmentally focused and zero carbon in production
- Spoken to the cabinet member for housing at East Suffolk asking them to explain what policies are in place with Flagship when they sell their property will a replacement property be added to their portfolio - I wait for a reply.
- Believe bulbs are now being distributed under my policy of East Suffolk Blooms - but had no updates recently on this project

- Spoke to Woodbridge district councillors to ask why the town is looking somewhat unloved with weeds growing everywhere - apparently the areas responsible by the town council are now longer being treated and so the weeds are growing.. .where has our civic pride gone?

and a merry Christmas to you all



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