

# District Councillor Report: Bacton Ward – July 2023

Bacton, Cotton, Finningham, Westhorpe and Wyverstone

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| Electric Vehicle Charging points in MSDC carparks | Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several carparks including most of the Council carparks in Stowmarket. Anglia Car Charging are beginning the Installation work this week. At the same time a problems has arisen with existing chargepoints where Anglia Car Charging have hiked up the prices for chargepoints installed earlier – this is being investigated.   |
| Council meetings                                  | The next full Council meeting is to be held in the Blackbourne Community Centre on Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> July from 17:30. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been working on their programme for the coming year and the Cabinet are working on their priorities. The first new planning committee met on 21 <sup>st</sup> June, and the main planning committee meetings will be held monthly.  |
| National Grid Pylon consultation                  | National Grid has launched its latest public consultation about plans for the new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, with the proposed route now narrowed down from a swathe to a line. This Norwich to Tilbury route has been opposed by the Council, particularly about the impact on the environment. There will be a public information event at The Blackbourne in Elmswell on Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm.   |
| Joint Local Plan                                  | The latest examination hearings took place at the end of June. They can be viewed on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@bmsdcjlp1676/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@bmsdcjlp1676/streams</a> . We now wait for the inspector’s report, before hopefully adopting part 1 of the plan this autumn.  |
| Anti-social behaviour awareness                   | The MSDC Communities team will be out and about this week with the police, sharing information and answering questions from residents about anti-social behaviour. On Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July they will be at Stowmarket Tesco.  |
| Police and Crime Panel                            | The Police and Crime Panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The usually meet quarterly and members of the public are welcome to attend and can ask questions relevant to an agenda item. The next meeting is to be held on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July; the agenda will be published 10 days before hand and any public questions need to be lodged by midnight on Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July. More details can be found here: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel</a> |
| Tour of Britain Cycle race in Suffolk             | The route of the Tour of Britain has just been announced. Stage 5 is on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September and the cyclists will race for 190 km around Suffolk starting and finishing in Felixstowe, passing through much of Mid Suffolk and Babergh.  |
| Locality funding                                  | If parish councils or community groups need some funds for particular projects, I have some locality money available, please get in touch.  |

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