

# **District Cllr Report Battisford and Ringshall Ward**

## **Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett, Offton, Ringshall, Willisham**

**April 2022**

### **Parish De-carbonisation Event**

A note has been sent to parish newsletters advertising the parish decarbonisation event. The meeting will detail support available to parishes in Suffolk that want to address our impact on climate change.

The meeting will be held at Offton and Willisham village hall at 7.00 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Our speakers include Chris Mussett, Suffolk County Council and Alex Templeton, Eastern New Energy / LECSEA projects. They will cover help available for funding and establishing community energy projects and available support for setting up Community Land Trusts to develop affordable, zero-carbon housing.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Cllr Stringer proposed a motion at Full Council for MSDC to actively encourage communities, especially all the core villages, to create and update neighbourhood plans. The Council will allocate resources to facilitate this process. The vote for this motion was 15 for; 13 against and 1 abstention. All of the administration group (bar the one abstention) voted against this motion, but it was carried.

### **Net-Zero carbon toolkit**

Cllr Eburne proposed a motion for the Council to adopt the Net Carbon Zero Toolpit as technical guidance for developers and homeowners to help reduce the carbon footprint in new and existing dwellings. This toolkit had been produced by the LGA together with Forest of Dean, West Oxfordshire and Cotswold District Councils. This proposal was unanimously approved.

### **Planning**

A re-submitted proposal for a large-scale housing development to the north of Barking Road (B1078) was refused. The planning committee rejected the proposal on the grounds that it conflicted with the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan, inadequate access to the site along its boundary with the B1078, and the site's vulnerability to flooding.

### **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

MSDC's first Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was adopted at next week's Cabinet meeting. The plan sets out the councils' approach to improving and developing the local cycling and walking network across the district over the next 10 years, to support residents in shifting towards more sustainable transport. After an online public consultation almost 200 potential infrastructure improvement schemes across the two districts have been identified and prioritised according to a variety of factors such as effectiveness, policy, economic factors and deliverability. This prioritisation will be key to obtaining local, regional and national funding towards improving sustainable travel facilities and routes in the districts. The proposed LCWIP schemes are attached in a separate document.

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