District Councillor Report November 2024

October seems to have been a quiet month as regards MSDC activity for all members. The MSDC Meeting was cancelled due to a dearth of matters to be discussed. The next MDSDC is scheduled for November the 21st.

Planning Committee Meetings have gone ahead as planned but nothing that affects our area. One meeting did highlight how the hands of Councillors are tied once an Outline Approval has been granted in the past.

In Cabinet it has now been decided to establish REACT (Respond, Enforce and Clean Team). This Team will be designed to non-scheduled demand and the services can be requested by Parishes and Town Councils. The problems that can be dealt with include fly tipping, graffiti, littered streets and a few other items. More details on this new service to follow once it has been properly put in place.

There are grants that can be applied for, for example: ‘Community Tree Planting’. Projects may be about woodland creation or orchard establishment. The site is UK Community Tree Planting Grant-International Tree Foundation

‘Branching Out Fund-The Tree Council’ is another option. This aims at Community Groups and schools. Ideas concerning tree planting, hedgerows and orchards may come to fruition through this fund.

‘Grants for historic church interiors and churchyard structures’. The Church of England may receive applications for these kinds of projects. There are two further funds where money for similar undertakings may be applied for.

The Rural Funding Digest provides a long list of possible grants covering several walks of life, including the examples as per above.

Yours Sincerely,

Anders Linder