District Councillor Report September 2024

\*There was no MSDC meeting in August.

\*On the 19th of August I did a ‘ward tour’ with three Officers, Tom Barker, Sam Lake and Ian Rafferty. In Stradbroke we had a look at the improvements in the Community Centre and a thorough look at the danger spots for pedestrians along various roads and crossings in the village.

In Laxfield we had a good look at the playing field area, in clear need of upgrading, also a look at the dangerous road at Bickers Hill, amongst other things. It was a very useful afternoon, as well as a pleasant one.

\*There will be a trial of ‘electric community vehicles’ in Mid Suffolk. These will be possible to book by the minute, hour or day. 16 vehicles are proposed in eight towns. At this stage at least, all of these will far away from the Stradbroke/Laxfield area.

\*The MSDC has formally objected to the proposed pylon scheme, Norwich to Tilbury. ‘Devasting effects on the landscape are highlighted and a pause is being asked for, to consider alternatives to pylons.

\*’Solar Together Suffolk’ are inviting homeowners to sign up their interest in a ‘group buying scheme, by the 18th of October. This would be without any obligation to go ahead with a purchase. There is a helpdesk with no 0800 0148851.

\*’Suffolk Public Sectors Leading Group’ plan to spend £110 000/year for five years to ‘boost tourism’ in the area. In what I read there were no details as to how the money would be spent.

Best Wishes,

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