District Councillors Report to Great Bealings Parish Council for January 2022

(Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward).

Rushmere Village, Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Bredfield, Grundisburgh & Culpho, Witnesham and Swilland, Westerfield, Hasketon, Clopton, Charsfield, Dallinghoo, Tuddenham, Boulge, Burgh, Debach, Otley.

Two Reminders (Just in case they have left your memory bank over the Christmas Holidays)

Quiet Lanes

So what actually is a Quiet Lane? Well, it's a nationally recognised designation of single-track road (i.e. no line markings), which typically has less than 1,000 vehicles using it per day. Most importantly they are routes where visitors and locals can enjoy the natural surroundings and use them for activities such as cycling, horse-riding and walking.

Additional help this winter – Household Support Fund

The government has recently made funding available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this winter during the final stages of economic recovery.

Local authorities have discretion on exactly how this funding is used within the scope set out, however the expectation is that it should primarily be used to support households with the most need, by offering support to meet living costs or housing costs (in exceptional cases of genuine emergency).

In all instances where households are struggling with their housing costs, they should contact our <u>Housing Needs Team</u> about their situation, so that we can identity the best option for financial and other support (if applicable).

For other financial advice, we will continue to refer customers to the <u>Citizens</u> <u>Advice</u> or in-house debt advisors, on a case to case basis.

To get in touch please contact East Suffolk Council's main switchboard on 0333 016 2000 so that all relevant information can be sent to the team for assessment and an Officer will be in touch.

Bealings Village Hall

I am pleased to announce that Bealings Village Hall has recently been successful in applying for funds from my Enabling Communities fund and were awarded £900 for improvements to the side committee meeting room..

East Suffolk Council

The majority of East Suffolk Council officers and staff are still working from home. Council Committees and Councillors attending Committees still have to attend in person for decisions that require a vote, to be legal. Members of the public are encouraged to telephone or use e mail whenever possible when contacting departments.