

District Councillors Report to Great Bealings Annual Parish Meeting

For May 2022

Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward.

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

From District Councillor

Cllr Colin Hedgley and Cllr Tony Fryatt.

Cllrs Report

1. There hasn't been an Annual Parish Meeting for some time by some Parish Councils due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Some found it difficult to do by Zoom and for some the fact that members of the public were not present made the exercise somewhat pointless. However, we seem to be getting back to some form of normality. But that doesn't mean to say that the normal work of the East Suffolk Council, the County and District Councillors came to a halt. Far from it. In fact, in some respects, it increased with the additional work of making sure that no one was forgotten or left behind during these troubled couple of years. Trying to look back and remember all that has happened I find quite difficult especially when putting it all down on paper.

As you may know Tony and I work across 17 Parish Councils in Carlford Ward with a total of just over 7,000 constituents. We both work very closely with the Carlford County councillor, Elaine Bryce and I am sure that the Chairman will vouch for the fact that Highways problems always has a tradition of coming somewhere near the top of the agenda every time.

2. Of course I recognise that over the past few years one of the major items that has concerned the people of Great Bealings are Planning Applications. As you know I sit on the Planning Committee and I am acutely aware of resident's concerns about building in the countryside. The other major headache and long running saga has been speeding through Hall Farm Road and Boot Street. This has been addressed to a great extent by the imposition of the 30mph limit in Hall Farm Road and of course the work of the Speedwatch Team of Martin Cripps, Anthony Sheppard and myself.

3. On the plus side Myself and Tony, are always open to requests for financial help from our Enabling Communities Budget for projects within this Parish. Recent grants from my budget were:

Bealings Village Hall £900

Bealings History Book (by Norman Porter) £2000.

30mph zone £1000 and Tree Planting £500.

Other News

I think it is important to recognise the work done by our Parish Councils, unsung heroes all. The Parish Councils keep the District Councillors abreast of problems in and around the Parish and together we find ways of helping the people of the villages or towns they represent.

There is of course a great deal happening in the wider area and we endeavour to keep you in touch with that.