

District Councillor James Easter's Parish Council Report Feb 23

Diss Swimming Pool Boost: Over £2m is to be spent completely refurbishing Diss Swimming Pool and converting the gas-powered boilers to ground source heat pumps. The program will see the pool re-tiled and upgraded with state-of-the-art safety cameras whilst reducing heating bills and carbon emissions substantially.

Electric Vehicle Charge Roll Out: Not everyone can be sure to park their car outside their front door at night and this is preventing people from buying an electric car. That's why we are doubling the number of electric charging points located in our car parks and leisure centres and installing 30 new ones at Village Halls across the district. We're helping everyone to Go Green.

Fly Tipping down by a fifth: Tough enforcement action resulting in successful prosecutions have meant that fly-tipping criminals look elsewhere before dumping rubbish in local beauty spots. which is saving a fortune whilst protecting our open spaces.

Changes to the voting system will be in place by the elections taking place on 4th May. All voters must now produce acceptable photo ID. These include driver's licence, passport, blue badge or bus pass, in fact any official document with their photo.. A full list is available online. Those that do not have a suitable photo ID must apply to SNC to obtain a voting certificate to enable them to do so.

Leaflets advertising the 'Help Hub' have been sent to every PC. It should be emphasised that anyone that needs help with anything, and I mean anything (within reason), should contact the 'Help Hub' who will do their best to get it sorted out. 01508 533933.

County Broadband are active in the village but need to be watched as they appear to be putting cables anywhere they want, including Common Land which is not permitted. They have so far not taken up the offer to meet with the Parish Councils to say what their plans are but Shelfanger PC has stopped a line of telegraph poles being put up in Common Road and another on Banborough Green. In April, they plan to close and dig up Heywood Road to lay pipes. Please report any activity.

There will be a meeting at All Saints School Winfarthing on 23rd Feb at 6pm regarding moving into the Diocese Academy and away from the State School system. Shelfanger parish is considered as a stakeholder in this school as it is a feeder village for the children and as such a member of the parish council should attend to ascertain what is being proposed.