

Annual Parish Meeting Report from MSDC Cllr/Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore

The CSD contract completes in May of this year. Contrary to some reports, the district has received a great benefit from this arrangement over the last 10 years and has helped transform the way the council has operated especially with back office functions which are not always visible to the general public. Please remember that business has largely continued with greatly reduced budgets. Nothing is perfect but a budget reduction of over a third does present a challenge

Recycling continues to be an area of great success. And the collections in my view do not need to be changed by central government.

Keeping the A14 clean is a never ending job. If you see litter louts in the MSDC area please take the car registration and the time of day and report it to David Abbott at the council. It does work and I personally have reported several people who have been fined accordingly - we should have much stiffer sentence in my opinion.

Extra work is also being done to reduce fly tipping and prosecuting offenders

MSDC area has an extra £5 million to be spent on broadband- just hope it's sufficient

The new Playworld facility at the leisure centre was opened on April 5th. It will encourage youngsters to be more active which will hopefully benefit them for the rest of their life.

We are. Continuing to build more affordable homes which whilst never enough will help ease the pressure on housing. Re letting times are also being speeded up.

The planning department continues to struggle under the workload and difficulty in recruiting enough staff with the appropriate knowledge

The economy is of course central to everything- without growth, there are more social problems and crime levels are affected. There are some very positive signs now of growth accelerating. Speculation over the Snoasis site continues, but there is nothing firm to report. We also await the outcome on the appeal for the ECO 2 plant at Mendlesham Airfield.

Policing- the big controversy currently is the chief constables proposal to close the Martlesham Control Room and move it to Norfolk. I have not made a decision yet, but hope to do so sometime in May when we will have a clearer idea of what other options are available for bridging the budget gap.

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