

**PAUL CLOVER/MARGARET MAYBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FOR LAVENHAM
PARISH MEETING 3rd OCTOBER 2024.**

BMSDC Devolution Deal Withdrawn

The present devolution deal has been withdrawn by the new Government and we wait to see what proposals will be made in the future.

Solar Together

A new community led initiative whereby residents can save on energy bills by pooling resources is set to be launched in Suffolk. More details to follow:

www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/join 0800 014 8851

Contacted the above today as cut-off date was 13th September 2024 but SCC are still accepting enquiries.

Faster Housing Repairs

A new First Time Fix project aims to improve speed of repair times alongside delivering a more accountable efficient service for social housing residents will be implemented over the coming months. We would be pleased to hear from residents if this policy is being maintained.

National Grid's Norwich – Tilbury pylon proposals

BMSDC have lodged a formal objection to these proposals. No final decision has to be determined following consultation.

However, the new Government has resolved to agree this line of pylons.

Call for Land Summit

This event where landowners were invited to attend and contact organisations who can help support native wildlife was a sell out. If any Landowners would like further information please contact either Margaret or myself.

New recycling proposals

Council will discuss new recycling proposals to meet Government legislation over the next two years. At present it looks likely that there will be a rotating three week schedule where black bins (ordinary refuse) will be collected week one, recycling bin for glass,

tetra pak cartons, aluminium, plastics etc., week two and a separate recycling bin for paper and card, week three. Food waste collection is planned for each week with households being provided with kitchen caddies and large collection bins to be stored outdoors. Producers of food packaging will be required to part fund the cost of recycling. This is scheduled to be introduced by April 2026.

Hedge cutting

Landowners are now being requested to cut back hedges along footways and public rights of way as bird nesting season has finished.

New Economic Strategy

BDC is inviting resident's views on its new economic strategy by completing a survey online on its website.

CIL monies will help preserve local history and community facilities

Plans are being made to use funds of £836,000 to help local projects in Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Kingfisher Pool

The damage to the roof is far more extensive than first thought and closure looks like being at least for a 12 week period. Members of the public are able to use the swimming facilities at BSE or Hadleigh in the interim.