

District Councillors' report to Parish Councils May 2025

Because of purdah due to the imminent County Council elections, there was no significant activity by the Council since the last report.

The by-election at Stretham ward, caused by the resignation of a Lib Dem Councillor for reasons of ill health, was won by a Lib Dem, so ECDC is evenly balanced with fourteen each of Conservatives and the Lib Dem & Independent Group.

Members have had a seminar from Sanctuary Housing, and it was reported that many more houses have been renovated, and, now, occupied. If any one is aware of unoccupied Sanctuary Houses, please let us know so that we can check with Sanctuary. Sometimes major renovations have to be done after a tenant leaves a house, particularly when they have been in residence for a long time.

Members have also had a seminar with the Police about Community policing, and John is discussing with the Area Police sergeant some of the problems that villages in this ward are facing. Please direct any further concerns or matters about policing to John.

We have also had a seminar about the Mepal Crematorium for which the building costs have escalated. Although it is possible to find the money from existing and expected CIL contributions, it will curtail other community projects.

A District Councillor in another ward has organised defibrillator training for parishioners with East Anglia Air Ambulance, and this has been well received. The importance of immediate application is of paramount importance, and this will train parishioners who are interested in helping their fellow parishioners to become effective operators. If you consider that your village would benefit from this training, please contact John.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp