

Community grants:

- Members' Ward grants – I have £2,000 available this year (hopefully to spread across the 4 parishes)
- Community Action Fund - £500,000 available for new projects, deadline 16th August
- New Community Facilities upgrades grant - £500,000 available, for fixing/refurbishing/upgrading existing community infrastructure, deadline 16th August
- £150,000 in Bloom grant £1 per person in a parish, match funded – a new round will open soon (you can apply only if your parish hasn't already been granted the full amount based on £1 per person in the parish)

Leisure Facilities capital investments:

- Wymondham leisure centre is having solar panels installed imminently, some disruption to customers in the car park to be expected
- Framingham Earl Sports Centre has had planning permission approved for plans to expand the site including a gym, studio and upgrades to changing rooms
- Diss new leisure centre has also had planning permission and approval from cabinet to proceed with the build, construction should begin within the next few weeks.
- Kett's Park in Wymondham – we are considering plans to expand facilities at this site, to include an expanded café, soft play, studio extension, walking path and 2nd 3G all weather pitch. Currently doing surveys and working with architects on drawings and costings.

Food Waste Collections:

- The phased introduction of food waste collections will begin soon. This was delayed due to a (largely predictable) supply and demand issue across the country with specialist lorries not being able to be produced as quickly as had been hoped. Residents in phase 1 will receive a letter followed by delivery of a food waste bin and indoor kitchen caddy.

East Pye Solar:

- The East Pye project will go to the planning inspectorate stage. Residents must register by 10 June as an interested person on the government website if they wish to make any comment against this scheme, or to listen in to the hearings etc. You do not have to be a direct neighbour of the scheme, anyone in the country can register to object and we encourage every member of the household to register individually. At this stage you only need make a small comment as to why you're interested.

Best regards,

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