

## **District Councillor's Report to Parish Councils for The Mordens Ward SCDC**

### **The Council**

The council will be meeting for a full council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Planning**

The Council is now making planning decisions on the basis that a 5-year land supply has been achieved. It is now with the Independent Inspector and we await their response. The Council has been successful in a grant to support 6-8 parishes in creating a village design statement. These statements allow for villages to create a planning document that advises developers the styles and design that is important to the character of villages. These are quicker to produce than neighbourhood plans though can complement them if parishes would like to pursue these. Village Design Statements unlike Parish Plans are planning documents and do provide weight in planning decisions. If you would like any further information, then please do get in contact.

### **Environment**

The Council would like to encourage as much recycling as possible, key issues are contamination and capacity. They are encouraging residents to wash and squash their rubbish.

Many people have now ordered extra blue and green bins, and we are encouraging residents to request bins where applicable. Please be aware that due to high demand that delivery of these bins is taking 6-8 weeks.

### **Universal Credit**

Universal credit comes into our area on 17<sup>th</sup> October. SCDC are offering a wide range of support for those that this will affect. There will be an encouragement of those who will be impacted to get in touch.

### **Potholes & Other Highways Issues**

Please continue reporting potholes to the county council. Below is the link that allows you not only to report the potholes but also claim compensation for damage caused by potholes and highways faults.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roadsand-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/?platform=hootsuite>

### **Confidentiality issues**

If residents are concerned of issues like planning breaches but wishes for other residents not to know their identity I would encourage them to get in contact with SCDC direct as they are able to protect complainants identity unlike councillors who could be subject to Freedom of Information requests. Though as a District councillor I will be notified just less personal detail. Please note that if a resident wishes to talk to a councillor about personal issues this will be treated as confidential this only applies if the application involves another resident.

### **Crime**

There has sadly been an influx in our levels of crime in the area. I would encourage residents to be diligent and please do report any criminal activity to the police. Especially in this hot weather please ensure that all windows are closed and locked when leaving home, maybe leave a light on when out in the evenings. Regular updates are available on crimes from ecops whose link is below.

[https://www.ecops.org.uk/da/202480/Crime\\_Update\\_for\\_South\\_Cambridgeshire.html](https://www.ecops.org.uk/da/202480/Crime_Update_for_South_Cambridgeshire.html)

### **Heather**

Contact me via:

[Cllr.williamsh@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.williamsh@scambs.gov.uk)

07885 774775

@Cllr\_H\_Williams

Or my facebook page Cllr Heather Williams