

Parish Council Report for Stansfield– 17th January 2022

Happy New Year to you all. I do hope everyone managed to enjoy the Christmas they had planned and that those of you who wanted to get vaccinated have been able to access the various clinics that were running and which continue to run.

Planning Matters

There are no outstanding planning applications for Stansfield.

Business Support

The Government has recently announced a COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) to help businesses that have not previously been eligible for rate relief during the pandemic. The fund will support councils in delivering a local discretionary scheme. We will be going through the Government guidance and modelling a scheme to distribute the rate relief to those businesses that need it the most and who have not already been helped. Our aim is to implement this business rate relief to businesses ahead of the business rates annual billing in March. Full details can be accessed on the Council website [COVID-19 support for business - grants \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/covid-19-support-for-business-grants)

Locality Budget

Please be aware that the deadline for applications for funds from my Locality Budget is fast approaching. If there is anything you need support for please let me know. The budget will be reduced in the next financial year because there is no more Covid-19 support money included.

Holiday

Please be aware that I am taking annual leave from 10th - 31st January 2022 and accept my apologies if I don't respond to emails as quickly as I would normally. I will be attending the meeting on 17th and until 24th January you can always reach me on 07930 460 898. From 25th-31st I will be out of contact until I return on 1st February.