
Report for Ringsfield and Weston pc

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Jean

The County Council is at an early stage of considering it's budget for 2019/20. If it is at all possible to spend more money on Highways then that is my priority. We all use the Highways - the need for more funding is obvious. I am copying this report to Mark Nichols our helpful local community Highways engineer as, when I drove through Ringsfield last week the white lines had still not been repainted at Ringsfield Corner. Clearly it remains a dangerous junction (I expect that Mark shares our frustration).

The options for the council when considering council tax are, an increase of up to 2% for the Adult Social Care Precept and an increase of up to 2% on the general council tax. (A 1% increase represents approximately 3.3 million pounds. The total budget, funded from all sources, will be in the region of 550 million). For Adult Social Care I think there is little choice but to take the full 2%.

I have always supported low tax. In the past we were able to not to increase our share of council tax for several years. However, if the money can be spent on our roads, I hope that the county council will decide to take the full 2% increase on the general council tax.

From my SCC locality budget I am contributing £500 towards a defibrillator in Ilketshall St Margaret's. I still have £5,500 left in that budget for this financial year.

From the new East Suffolk Enabling Communities Budget I am contributing £5,000 to the Fisher Theatre in Bungay to help them write off their debt. (If they raise £150,000 this year the other £200,000 of debt will be written off). I am also giving £1,000 to improvements to Barsham and Shipmeadow village hall. And, £1,000 towards a project at Ringsfield Church for building a separate disabled toilet block. This will allow the church to be used for an increase in community activity. That leaves just £500 in my ECB budget.

Please accept my apologies for Friday.

Best wishes

David Ritchie
District and County Councillor

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