**Annual Parish Report – Felsham 2025**

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During the past year there have been considerable changes following the general election last year. There have been impacts to our District Council on several areas.

The joint local plan is now having to be revisited following an increase in the housing allocations given to Mid Suffolk (increase 37%)

Suffolk and Norfolk are now one of the first areas in the country to be part of Local Government Review and Devolution.

Luckily the weather was kinder this autumn / winter and we did not have the same flooding as last year. Considerable work has been done across the parishes previously impacted by floods to mitigate future problems.

The A14 finally reopened and reduced the pressure on the parishes but the progress to restoring the damage has been slow.

There has been closer working with the community’s team to resolve local issues, such as securing grass cutting timetables, and getting work to community areas completed.

The ongoing planning frustrations at the Six Bells now appear to be over, I was able to assist in objecting to the applications at the Planning Committee.

I have been able to assist Felsham with the purchase of the new Beacon from my Locality Allowance £1200.

I have assisted Gedding with a contribution towards a speed reduction device £1279

I have also been able to give advice and other grants available from Mid Suffolk and other sources to local groups.

I have attended District Planning meetings to support the parish in respect to applications that would deter from the conservation area.

Nicky Willshere