

I would like to start by offering my congratulations to Wortwell's recently elected Parish Councillors. I am acutely aware of the highs and lows of representing your Parish and I wish you all the best of luck for the coming years.

Naturally, I must also give thanks to everyone who voted for me in the District Council elections of May 4th. I remain truly humbled to be able to represent the people of Wortwell, Redenhall, Needham and Harleston for the next four years and will do everything I can to repay the faith placed in me.

In terms of my council experiences so far, I can honestly say that it has been a fascinating, if rather intensive, crash course in the mechanics of the council. There have been multiple trips to the Horizon Centre at the Broadland Business Park for training sessions (with plenty more to come), introductions to Council officers, and even the occasional meeting! What comes through most clearly is that these are complicated times at the council, with many new councillors and a very different political make-up in comparison with the last 15 years. As a result there is lots still to learn, lots of work to be undertaken along with an increased need for cooperation between the groups that make up the council.

Ultimately though, I am on South Norfolk Council to represent the people of our ward and it is my intention to make helping individuals and groups within the three parishes my priority. With this in mind, and with the cooperation of my counterpart Councillor Graham I will be attending monthly Councillor Surgeries at Harleston Information Plus. My hope is that we can all work together with each of the parish and town councils for the benefit of everybody in the ward.

Best wishes,

James Eddy

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