

Steve Henderson

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Not too much activity with regard to MDC this past month but I did attend a regular and an extra Planning Board meeting.

The latter was a deferred meeting for three separate applications for three adjacent housing developments comprising of, in total, about 320 houses.

This meeting was important, I felt, because after lengthy discussion the final decision was deferred for up to six months to give the developers time to reconsider their applications and the specs of the houses.

All the houses were to be fitted with gas boilers, something that will not be allowed in new build homes from 2025.

There was also no provision for solar panels or electric charging points and the design of the houses was dull.

The Planning Board made an important stand by not passing these applications and by holding the developers to task to build more sustainable and attractive houses.

I hope when these applications come back they will contain all the modern, environmentally sound tech that people deserve and that these three developments will become a benchmark of what MDC expects in the district.

On the 6th I arranged and attended a meeting between Fusion and Glastonbury Cricket Club to discuss the Towns' Deal Fund. Although there's not a lot happening with regard to that, I think it's fair to say that the two parties are more in line now than they were and are keen to work together for the good of all.

The meetings between myself, Cllr Lund and the Police resumed this month with PC Karen Upshall taking the place of Tom Miller. It was good to get back to talking directly to the Police and I'm sure Cllr Lund, myself or PC Upshall will be pleased to expand on that meeting if needed.