

Dr Mike Tayler was elected District Councillor for “The Sampfords Ward” on UDC at the May election. Little Bardfield Parish is included in this Ward.  
Below are his comments made at the Parish Council Meeting on May 10, 2023.

Whilst a District Councillor for Thaxted and the Eastons, I was on the Local Plan Leadership Group, and the Licensing Committee. I also attended the Health and Wellbeing Board. I have requested, and it has been agreed, that I stay on these committees. In addition, I have been given the lead role in “health” for the Council. This is not a portfolio or cabinet position, and clearly it is a very wide brief. District Councils have few direct involvements with health, but it does come into many areas in an indirect way, such as the Local Plan. Having spent much time living and working in the most rural parts of Uttlesford, I am very concerned by rural isolation and the poor access our residents may have to services, including health services. I have made this clear at the one committee meeting (Health and Wellbeing Board) on which I sat this morning. There may be funding from UDC to address this.

Cllr Mike Tayler

10<sup>th</sup> May 2023