

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 7th April. 2014

Wells Matters:

Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells: Within 3 months of the store being completed, the Co-op must submit plans of a scheme to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. Wells traders agreed to form a trade group, at a public meeting, on 17th March and will hopefully be able to advise the Co-op on how to promote local businesses.

Proposed Fuel Station, Polka Rd, Wells: All of the “prior to commencement” conditions have now been satisfied on the above permission. The only matter we are still considering is materials which need to be agreed prior to their first use on the site, but this does not prevent development commencing. However, I am not aware of when the developers are intending to start work.

Coastal Issues Forum/Dec Tidal Surge: There has been a lot of coverage recently regarding the impact of the Dec. tidal surge. I raised the matter at the District, Scrutiny Committee, in December, and at CIF in February. (The CIF meetings are open to all and provide the opportunity for interested parties, in coastal areas, to question the various statutory bodies on important coastal issues). I raised the following issues at CIF:

1. Poor mobile phone signal coverage reduced the effectiveness of the early warning system.
2. Disquiet around surge predictions: Were predictions made, with the road barrier in place, or open?
3. Whether there was a need to review the SMP, as a result of the surge, and consider allowing areas to flood in order to protect the town.

The Environment Agency responded that the SMP had 3 different time frames allowing for more research and monitoring for better evidence. Policy for the medium and long term was not set in stone. The EA agreed to investigate.

Enforcement Board Update:

1. Clarence House: The building is now said to be water tight. The Conservation Officer will discuss works with builder and progress will be reviewed, by the EB, in June.

2. Maryland Industrial Estate: The EB manager made another visit to the site and was of the opinion that the issues related solely to planning matters. I can also confirm that the Planning Service intend to serve S215 notice on the owner of Maryland Industrial Units.

3. Old Grain Store, Maryland: Also under review by the EB.

Alternative Lorry/Coach Park: I understand that NNDC, Corporate Director has written to the WTC with a short term suggestion that coaches park on the beat pad at the eastern entrance to Holkham Park. Jonathan and I have requested a meeting with the leader of the District Council to discuss the matter.

Redevelopment of the Gifts Galore site: The planning officer is looking into the Council erecting hoardings around the site, if the owner fails to do so.

Tugboat Yard: I understand the light was repaired but is now not working at all. I have reported the matter.

Victory Housing Garages: Proposals have been made to:

Redevelop the Neilson Close garages for new homes.

Renovate the Northfield Crescent garages.

Sell off the Northfield Way garages.

OTHER Matters:

Office Reorganisation: A number of services have changed location, in order to accommodate Norfolk Children's Services, which are taking over part of the building this month

North Norfolk Coast Partnership: A consultation is taking place regarding the future management of the AONB. The Consultation period for the draft Norfolk Coast AONB Management Plan 2014-19, runs until 17 April 2014. I would urge the town and parish councils to submit a representation. An online submission, on The Norfolk Coast Partnership website, takes about 20 minutes.

PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER ON LAND AT EGMERE: The Ecological Survey and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment, and Access Strategy are outstanding pieces of work to be completed. The recommendation for the signing off of the LDO has yet to be brought to Full Council. No further information.

Proposed Learning centre, Lady Anne's Drive, Holkham: The Development Committee carried out a site visit on 13th March. The application raises a number of important issues regarding development in sensitive areas.

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND: This fund is ongoing and any community projects are eligible. Details on District Council website.

Flood surge relief: North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) is urging households and businesses in the district directly affected by flooding in last December's tidal surge and storm to apply for grants from central government's recently announced Flood Support Schemes. Details attached and on NNDC website.

Latest News Releases:

Link to NNDC website:

<http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/news.asp>

Register of Electors

With the European Parliamentary election taking place on Thursday 22 May, the Local Returning Officer for North Norfolk is urging voters to make sure they are registered to vote in time. "Registering is quick and simple. All you have to do is visit

www.northnorfolk.org/elections and print off a registration form or call NNDC Electoral Services on 01263 516046 or 516317.

Full Council decisions, There was no meeting of the Full Council in March.

N.B. Whilst this report includes a summary of the proceedings of the District Council, any views expressed are those of the elected, Independent member for Priory Ward and not those of the District Council. The report includes information gained from discussion with individual stakeholders, organisations and statutory bodies and is mentioned in the interests of openness, transparency and accountability in public life.