

## **Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2012**

**Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells:** At the Development meeting, I requested a Section 106 contribution from the developer to fund free, time restricted, town centre parking spaces. Unfortunately this was not included in the resolution for approval of the planning application but I will continue to push for this.

**Coach/Lorry parking, Polka Rd, Wells:** I am awaiting the agenda of the December Development Committee meeting to discover if the application for the proposed filling station is to be considered.

**Community Asset Transfer Policy:** I understand that the WTC has no further interest in the East End Drying Grounds.

**North Norfolk Renewables Partnership/B1105 Renewable Energy Development Corridor:** A public consultation is taking place regarding a proposed solar wind farm at Egmore (Former North Creake Airfield). I understand concerns have been registered by the residents of the Bunker's Hill community. An application has been received for a proposed biogas anaerobic digestion plant on an adjacent site. Cabinet is considering a recommendation to create a "Local Development Area" catering for the offshore wind energy industry on 30 ha. of land at Egmore.

**Integrated Coastal Zone Management:** The consultation period for renewal of the maintenance licence, for deposition of material in Wells Harbour, is drawing to a close. Representations have been made concerning the impact of the proposed berms on activities in the Marine Recreational Area.

**North Norfolk, European Site, Core Management Group:** The Blakeney Mussel Fishermens' Association has requested that the issue of recent siltation of its mussel beds is discussed at the next meeting of the management group on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CABINET Decision List – 12 November 2012**

**COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT WORKING PARTY:** A draft council tax support scheme is going out for consultation. A briefing is being arranged for members, who will inform parish councils.

**PLANNING POLICY AND BUILT HERITAGE WORKING PARTY:** A draft Walsingham Conservation Appraisal is going out for public consultation.

**FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013-14:** The current forecast foresees a funding gap of up to £1.7 million for the next three years.

**BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2012/13: – PERIOD 6:** There is an underspend of £23,552 in the current period. The new homes bonus of £40,000 will be used to fund a CIL Planning Officer.

**COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY:** A draft policy is being forwarded for adoption of Full Council.

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – DELIVERY OF ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2012/13:**

Resolved that the rate of take-up of new designated employment land (indicator J005) be reported on an annual basis instead of quarterly as originally agreed at Cabinet May 2012.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**COUNCIL TAX SPENDING CONSULTATION:** The Council have announced a Springtime Survey to establish resident's priorities for spending over the coming years.

**Update on the East Inshore and Offshore draft Marine Plans:** In order to complete discussions with government departments a more flexible approach to the timetable for formal submission of the draft plans to Defra has been agreed. Following approval from Government, the draft East Marine Plans will be published for a formal 12 week consultation in early 2013. The aim remains to secure adoption of the East marine plans by the Secretary of State by the end of 2013.

**PRESENTATION to Overview & Scrutiny Committee – EAST OF ENGLAND**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE TRUST:** The Ambulance presentation was thought to be extremely informative, very well presented and honest. Answers to questions will be published in the November minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**VISIT NORTH NORFOLK COAST & Countryside:** This body has been set up to promote tourism in "Greater North Norfolk". It is essentially a destination marketing organisation. It seeks to bring together businesses and attractions from Heacham to Horsey to promote private sector tourism. Initially it is likely to be funded by the District Council. Let's hope there will benefit for the whole tourism sector.