

NNDC Report for Wells Town Council, 9th Jan. 2012

Peter Terrington (PT). To be read in conjunction with report from (JS).

1. Items from previous minutes:

- Derelict land, Unoccupied Homes: Still under investigation. I will follow up before next meeting.

2. Outstanding Items:

- Localism: The Corporate Plan for 2011-15 embraces the agenda to empower individuals and communities to take more responsibility for their own futures. Wells faces a number of challenges in reconciling the conflicting needs of various interests: Energy Industry, Tourism & Leisure, Housing, Commerce and Infrastructure Projects. In my view the best way of resolving these conflicting interests is by way of a "Neighbourhood Plan". An NP would be the best way to ensure that the needs of the community are fulfilled in a sustainable way. David Cameron reiterated, in an interview this week, that it is the government's intention to empower local people to make decisions on all planning issues.
- Coastal Communities Fund: This is being administered by the The Big Lottery Fund from proceeds from Crown Estate, wind farm licences. Various groups in Wells would be eligible to apply for funding.
- Flag funding: Expression of Interest and Application forms are available on the northnorfolkflag website.

3. New Items:

- Car Parking: The increased charges for North Norfolk have been approved by the Scrutiny Committee and Full Council. The charges will be reviewed annually. I would like to comment further during discussion of Item 6 of the WTC Agenda.