

NNDC Report for Wells Town Council, 6th Feb. 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. No further action in Wells to report.
- Triton Knoll: A preferred site for an on-land substation has been selected in Lincolnshire and it is, therefore, unlikely that the cable landfall will be in North Norfolk.
- Street cleaning: It is a contractual obligation on Kier to keep the streets clean. There is no dedicated winter street cleaning in Wells but if any instances of unsatisfactory conditions are observed they should be reported to Kier and or NNDC. Monitoring will also take place.

2. Outstanding Items:

- Localism: The concept of the Big Society Fund came before the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Fund will be administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation and stands at approx £1m. It will be launched in April. The fund supports grant giving, support for the voluntary sector, community capacity building and community planning and locality regeneration.
Community Grant Giving supports voluntary and community groups taking forward small local projects or providing match funding for larger projects.
Support for the Voluntary Sector offers support and training in best practice to community organisations.
Community Capacity Building provides support and guidance to individuals and community groups in bringing projects forward.
Community planning & Locality Regeneration supports local authorities to stimulate community led planning.

3. New Items:

- Car Parking: The increased charges for North Norfolk have been approved by the Scrutiny Committee and Full Council. A consultation process has started and representations can be made to the Portfolio Holder or the Assets Manager.
- Waste Collection and recycling: The snowfall over the weekend is likely to lead to some difficult conditions for waste collection crews from today onwards. Our priority is to ensure that the core services of waste and recycling collections are completed with minimum disruption to residents, however at the present time all crews, including

garden waste crews, are out and collecting as normal. As Kier keep us informed of the scale of any disruption, we will ensure that the Council's web site is updated and the Customer Services team informed, so that residents can be advised accordingly.

- North Norfolk Health Trainer Service: NNDC has a responsibility for Public Health. A team of Local Health Trainers has been established to give advice on "Healthy Living" (See Leaflet). There is to be a soft launch in Cromer and April and a full launch in June.
- Wind Energy development in Wells Area: Discussions have taken place between NNDC, Holkham Estate and Wells Harbour Commissioners regarding the possible location of new developments.
- Land & Property Development: Holkham Estate hosted a breakfast where it outlined it's vision for collaborative working in bringing forward development on the Estate. Flood Defence: The NNDC has stopped providing sandbags. Existing stocks will be given, free of charge, to any parishes located in flood areas. The EA recommends that more permanent measures a put into place in flood ares, such as flood boards. Advice is available, but not funding.
- Sheltered housing: Victory Housing have not to provide support to tenants in it's sheltered housing. A new provided is being sought for when the present agreement expires. (Letter Attached)
- Ambulance Response Times, North Norfolk: (Performance Figures attached).