

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, PETER TERRINGTON,

5TH JANUARY 2015:

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND:

16th February deadline for applications to be received for consideration by Panel on 9th March 2015

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEETING, DECEMBER:

Tidal Surge of 2013: the Civil Contingencies Team gave an update on the response to the surge. The report did not include flood defence and I have requested that the Environment Agency is invited to O&S to give a report on flood defence in coastal settlements.

Citizens Advice Bureau Provision in North Norfolk: it was agreed to recommend to cabinet to continue funding the service for the moment but review options for the longer term.

Housing Allocations Scheme Update: Members received the update report and concluded that the Scheme was meeting its objectives and has increased the number of houses available to applicants with a local connection.

CABINET DECISIONS, DECEMBER:

Fees & Charges: To recommend to Council the new fees and charges from 1 April 2015.

Housing Incentive Scheme: To recommend to Council that the North Norfolk Housing Incentive Scheme is extended until the 31st December 2015.

Enforcement Board Update:

1. Cabinet noted the progress made to date by the Enforcement Board.
2. Funding for legal support for the enforcement board was extended to 2015/16.

Relocation of Cromer Market: Council does not proceed with the relocation of the weekly market from The Meadow Car Park to a location within Cromer town centre.

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS, DECEMBER:

Appointments: Mr R Wright was appointed to the Overview & scrutiny Committee. Mrs A Fitch-Tillet, Mr J Lee and Mr R Oliver were appointed to the Housing Appeals Panel.

Fees & Charges: Council approved the recommendations from Cabinet.

Housing Incentive Scheme: Council approved the recommendations from Cabinet.

Determination of Council tax Discounts & Charges: Approved, no change.

Determination of Council Tax Base: This was set at 37,274.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Consultation in Sheringham

The amended motion, below, was passed:

“NNDC recognises that parking can be an issue in towns such as Cromer and Sheringham and welcomes the fact that plans are being drawn up for consultation. NNDC also recognises the need to consider these schemes closely and weigh up the benefits for residents, businesses and visitors. NNDC calls on the County Council to reconsider the current on-street car parking proposals in **Cromer and Sheringham** and to carry out a full consultation to all houses in both towns and adjacent parishes. NNDC also requests that the County Council engages fully with NNDC on the consultation process and works with all stakeholders to ensure that the approach adopted is consensual and evidence based.”

The motion was amended to delete Cromer and read "Sheringham and other North Norfolk towns". The other North Norfolk towns were identified as Wells and Holt.

As far as I am aware, NO specific proposals have been made for Wells. However, it is my understanding that, CPEs have to be self funding and can involve three separate elements:

Resident Parking
Pay & Display
Restricted Zones.

Any proposal must involve widespread consultation, and is unlikely to go ahead if there is widespread local opposition.

WELLS MATTERS:

CO-OP RETAIL STORE, POLKA RD, WELLS: Re conditions 6&7 of planning consent: to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. The Council's enforcement Officer is investigating.

PROPOSED FILLING STATION, POLKA RD, WELLS: NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

FUTURE OF BEACH RD. TOILETS: There are no plans to dispose of the toilet block and any plans for redevelopment of the site will be fully discussed and consulted upon before any decisions are taken. However it should be noted that any future plans would include the provision of public conveniences and there is no intention to reduce the amount of provision currently supported by NNDC.

ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE:

CLARENCE HOUSE: Planning application received

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: No further action at present.

OLD GRAIN STORE: A planning application was submitted for this site, but has been withdrawn.

Gifts Galore site: This site is now under consideration by the Enforcement Board.

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