

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, PETER TERRINGTON, 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014**

**WELLS MATTERS:**

**PROPOSED CO-OP RETAIL STORE, POLKA RD, WELLS:** THE CO-OP HAS TO SUBMIT PLANS FOR A SCHEME TO ESTABLISH LOCAL SUPPLY CHAINS AND PROMOTE BUSINESSES, IN AND AROUND WELLS, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF OPENING.

**PROPOSED FUEL STATION, POLKA RD, WELLS:** NO FURTHER ACTION TO REPORT.

**ALTERNATIVE LORRY/COACH PARK:** PLEASED TO SEE THE POLKA ROAD PARK OPEN AGAIN. NO FURTHER ACTION, TO REPORT, ON FINDING A PERMANENT SOLUTION.

**DECEMBER TIDAL SURGE:** THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE NORFOLK COASTAL FUND, FOR REPAIR AND PROTECTION WORK, IS 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.

**REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GIFTS GALORE SITE:** NO FURTHER ACTION TO REPORT.

**TUGBOAT YARD:** THE REPLACEMENT LIGHT IS STILL ON BACK ORDER.

**BEACH RD. TOILETS:** THE DISTRICT COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED A VALUATION REPORT IN RELATION TO THE TOILETS AND IS CONSIDERING THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE ASSET. THE GATE HAS BEEN CLOSED AND A WIDER ACCESS FOR WHEELCHAIRS/BUGGIES CREATED.

**ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE:**

**CLARENCE HOUSE:** NOTICE VARIED BY AGREEMENT. WORKS TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 2015.

**MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE:** NO FURTHER ACTION AT PRESENT.

**OLD GRAIN STORE;** NO FURTHER ACTION IS PLANNED.

## **OTHER MATTERS:**

### **BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND:**

THE BIG SOCIETY FUND AWARDS EVENING, HELD AT THE ATRIUM AND HOSTED BY OUR CHAIRMAN, TREVOR IVORY, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS. THE WINNERS WERE CHOSEN FROM A LONG LIST OF WORTHY NOMINATIONS, A TOUGH JOB FOR THE BIG SOCIETY PANEL. THE EVENING CAME TO A CLOSE WITH A SPECIAL AWARD, PRESENTED BY EDP EDITOR, NIGEL PICKOVER, FOR AN 'OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY FOLLOWING THE TIDAL SURGE OF DECEMBER 2014'.

### **Individual Electoral Registration (IER):**

AS PART OF A NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE TO HELP REDUCE ELECTORAL FRAUD AND IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM (IER), WHICH MAKES EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING THEMSELVES TO VOTE. WE HAVE WRITTEN TO ALL NORTH NORFOLK RESIDENTS TO NOTIFY THEM. AN ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN IS WELL UNDERWAY TO ENSURE THAT ANY ONE THAT IS ENTITLED TO VOTE DOESN'T LOSE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

### **Waste and recycling project:**

A MARKETING CAMPAIGN IS CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE NORFOLK WASTE PARTNERSHIP (OF WHICH NNDC IS A PART) IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE CHANGES TO RECYCLING IN NORFOLK. MORE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TETRA-PAKS, GLASS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS WILL BE ABLE TO BE PLACED IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN. AS A PARTNERSHIP, WE WANT TO INCREASE RECYCLING TONNAGE IN THE COUNTY AND TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE GOING TO LANDFILL. THE COUNCIL WILL BE LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN AT GREENBUILD IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL BE UNDERTAKING LOTS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO MAKE UP THE PARTNERSHIP.

### **Greenbuild:**

TAKING PLACE AT FELBRIGG HALL ON 6 AND 7 SEPTEMBER.

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY TO MAKE GREENBUILD AN EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER EVENT THAN BEFORE. THERE IS ALREADY A GOOD MIX OF EXHIBITORS ONBOARD, SO IT PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS. LOTS OF PROMOTION WORK IS UNDERWAY, AND IT IS HOPED TO ATTRACT EVEN MORE VISITORS THAN THE 8,500 THAT CAME ALONG LAST YEAR.

## **FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS, JULY:**

### **SUPERFAST BROADBAND:**

£1 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED, FOR BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS, (IN A RESERVE) FROM THE CURRENT YEAR BALANCE AND FUTURE YEAR ALLOCATIONS RETURN OF THE SECOND HOMES COUNCIL TAX FUNDING AND UNALLOCATED NEW HOMES BONUS. NO COMMITMENT TO SPEND THIS EARMARKED FUND IS MADE UNTIL THE BBFN PROGRAMME HAS LET THE NEXT CALL-OFF CONTRACT AND THIS HAS BEEN ANALYSED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY, JULY:**

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RIGHTS – A GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO COMMUNITY RIGHTS TO BID AND CHALLENGE INCLUDING RIGHT TO BUILD AND RECLAIM LAND AS APPROVED BY CABINET IN APRIL 2013. CURRENT ACTIVITY IN COMMUNITY RIGHTS WAS DETAILED AND THE ROLE THE COUNCIL ADOPTS TO ENABLE INTEREST IN THE OVERALL LOCALISM AGENDA. THE ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED WITHIN THE CONSULTATION PAPER „COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RIGHTS“ ISSUED BY COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WERE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNCIL CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ANY CONSULTATION RESPONSE.

TO DATE, THE COUNCIL HAS ONLY RECEIVED ONE “RIGHT TO CHALLENGE” APPLICATION. THIS WAS FROM THE WELLS MALTINGS TRUST TO RUN THE WELLS TIC, WHICH WAS SUCCESSFUL. IT IS POSSIBLE TO CHALLENGE THE RIGHT OF THE COUNCIL TO RUN ANY LOCAL SERVICE.

### **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME – UPDATE:**

IN DECEMBER 2012, FULL COUNCIL APPROVED A NEW ALLOCATIONS SCHEME FOR IMPLEMENTATION WHICH REFLECTED THE NEED TO REVIEW THE PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS POLICY IN LIGHT OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND CHANGES IN STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS. THE NEW SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO MEET STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALLOCATIONS SCHEME WHILST ALSO MEETING THE COUNCIL'S REQUIREMENT THAT THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS LET THROUGH THE SCHEME SHOULD MAXIMISE THE NUMBER WHICH ARE OCCUPIED BY HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOCAL CONNECTIONS TO TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN NORTH NORFOLK. The Update report can be found on the Council website.

**LATEST NEWS RELEASES:** ZOE DUNFORD IS THE COUNCIL'S NEW COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING MANAGER.

**LINK TO NNDC WEBSITE:**

**[HTTP://WWW.NORTHNORFOLK.ORG/COUNCIL/NEWS.ASP](http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/news.asp)**

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