

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 5th September 2013

Wells Matters:

Litter: I have received one complaint from the public but generally the system seems to have coped well over a very season. I would be interested in the Town Council's view?

Market Lane Development, Wells: The application to remove conditions 20 and 21 come before the Development Committee on 5th September. I would appreciate the TC opinion before the meeting.

Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells: Demolition has started.

Proposed Fuel, Polka Rd, Wells: I understand that the final determination notice has been sent to the applicant. The Council's Procurement Officer is looking into the provision of alternative lorry/coach parking spaces in the town

Car parking provision in Wells: The growing popularity of Wells as a tourist destination has placed enormous pressure on car parking this season. The efforts of the Town Council are to be applauded but there is a desperate need for an integrated parking and traffic management plan in Wells, during the peak summer weekends. This would require local authorities and other bodies working together to solve the problem. Initiative ideas from other main tourist destinations should be considered.

Enforcement Board Update: Both Clarence House and The Maryland Industrial Units are under review. The District Council is awaiting the result of the appeal against the serving of the Improvement Notice.

OTHER NEWS:

PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER ON LAND AT

EGMERE: The Ecological Survey and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment, and Access Strategy are outstanding pieces of work to be completed. The signing off of the LDO will not be presented to Full Council at its meeting in Sept - it is more likely to be the October meeting; if not December.

Development of the offshore wind energy sector off the North Norfolk Coast – A report on the Council's activity in support of the sector since April 2012:

The size of the Dudgeon wind farm has been reduced. It remains to be seen if there will be a proportionate scaling back of the cable route corridor. There are two minor applications for variation of the route.

Big Society Fund: The Big Society Fund Panel met on 8 July. The Wells Community Hospital Trust application was refused as it was considered outside the scope of the Fund.

Coastal Issues Forum: The next meeting is on 1st October. Discussion of “Coastal Tourism”, requested by the Wells TC member was deferred from the February meeting and has still to take place.

Neighbourhood Plans:

The Planning Peer Challenge Report recommended that the District Council is encouraged to utilise all opportunities which allow it to progress with identifying and implementing an approach to Neighbourhood Planning on which all stakeholders agree and to which they can commit.

Standards Training and Development for Parishes and Towns: The Council will have received a letter regarding Standards and learning and development for Parish and Town Councils.

North Norfolk, European Maritime Site: The next meeting of the Advisory Group takes place in the Maltings Community Centre, at 7pm, on 10th October. The meetings are attended by representatives of local authorities and other bodies.

East of England Marine Plan: The consultations on the draft Plans is closing on the 8th October 2013. Local authorities are encouraged to make representations. The draft marine plans for the South of England appear to give more weight to recreational use than was included in the E of E draft plans.

N.B. Whilst this report includes a summary of the proceedings of the District Council, any views expressed are those of the elected, Independent member for Priory Ward and not those of the District Council. The report includes information gained from discussion with individual stakeholders, organisations and statutory bodies and is mentioned in the interests of openness, transparency and accountability in public life.