

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 11th June 2012

Council Leadership: The new chairman of the Council is John Perry-Warnes with Peter Moore as vice chairman. Keith Johnson is the new leader of the Council with Tom FitzPatrick as deputy leader.

Staff restructuring: Further restructuring is ongoing with reduction in personnel and reorganisation of departments.

Licencing Fees: The Council approved an increase for Animal Welfare Licences and Taxi Licences.

Norfolk Police and Crime Panel: The Council agreed to the establishment of the PCP and appointed a member to represent the Council on the Panel. PCP includes district, borough and county councils.

Coasthopper Service: A motion was passed expressing support for Norfolk county Council and Norfolk Green to encourage the maintenance of the current or improved level of service.

Performance Management: The Council agreed a revised Performance Management Framework with Annual Action Plans.

Staithe Street Electricity sub station: Negotiations are continuing. Agreement has been reached on the car parking spaces but there is still an issue with a right of way. I notice work has commenced on the sub station.

Marine Planning: The proposed East Marine Plan was discussed at a meeting of the Coastal Issues Forum. The MMO representative made a further presentation and the MMO appears to have taken on board the responses from local organisations and individuals regarding lack of information on recreation, tourism and fishing in the draft plan proposals.

Outstanding issues were raised at the Annual Harbour meeting, relating to the location and height of berms in Wells Harbour and the impact these were having on recreation and tourism...

Unfortunately, it was not possible to resolve the matter, as open discussion of the issues was not permitted. Discussions are continuing with the MMO and NNDC to try and resolve the matter.

Quayside Development: The Council Officers are confident that the major obstacle to progress have been overcome and that both quayside developments will proceed. Demolition has started on the Yellow shop, but due to delays, rebuilding on both sites is unlikely to start before the New Year.

Proposed Supermarket: The Council is carrying out a viability study into the possible impacts of the proposed Co-op store on the retail centre of Wells. The possibility of Section 106 contributions to mitigate against any negative impacts is also under consideration.

Refuge collection: The collection of brown garden waste bins was unfortunately suspended during the fuel crisis. The Council; apologises for this and measures are being put in place to improve communication in future and stock pile fuel reserves.

Car parking: I came across a novel way of managing on street parking in the Lake District. I attach a parking disk used by Cumbria Highways for limited, free on street parking, issued by local traders.

Community Asset Transfer Policy: The Officers are considering the request by WTC for transfer of the NNDC owned section of the "Drying Grounds". The Council has also decided to relinquish its licence with the Crown Estate for the East End Slipway. The WTC may wish to take over this Licence.

Litter collection: I have discussed the issue of litter collection from the playing field with relevant officers and have some suggestions which might resolve the matter.