

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 2nd Dec. 2013

Wells Matters:

Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells: Nothing further to report.

Discussions are taking place re. The illuminated signage for the retail store.

Proposed Fuel Station, Polka Rd, Wells: A discharge of condition application has been received by the planning officer and is currently under consideration.

Alternative Lorry/Coach Park:

Both Jonathan and I have emailed the Duncan Ellis, Head of Assets & Leisure, to emphasise the necessity to find alternative parking for lorries and coaches, before the start of the 2014 tourist season.

Pinewoods Holiday Park Extension: Application withdrawn, pending an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Redevelopment of the Gifts Galore site: Nothing further to report. The Council is aware that there is a dispute relating to access to this site.

Redevelopment @ 12 The Quay: The Conservation Officer and Enforcement Officer have visited this property to discuss conditions of the development with the owner.

Enforcement Board Update:

Clarence House: Schedule 3 notice was dispatched saying Council will do works in default from November 2014. There is a hole in the roof and the next stage will be to seek a warrant to allow forcible entry to assess the work needed.

Maryland Industrial Estate: Some units are occupied and business rates are being collected. Other units are unregistered and there is doubt as to ownership. A Section 215 Notice cannot, therefore, be served. Attempts are being made to establish ownership.

Old Grain Store, Maryland: At the request of WTC, I have asked the Enforcement Board to add this to its portfolio.

OTHER Matters:

PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER ON LAND AT EGMERE: Nothing further to report. The Ecological Survey and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment, and Access Strategy are outstanding pieces of work to be completed. The recommendation for the signing off of the LDO has yet to be brought to Full Council.

Cromer Office Reception Improvement Works: The upgraded reception area is completed and open to the public.

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS 26.10.13.

In a motion approved at a meeting of NNDC Full Council councillors agreed to urge the County Council not to cut the service, and that if there were any proposals for changes to the service there should be full and meaningful consultations with residents and stakeholders in North Norfolk before any changes could be implemented.

The following reports were adopted:

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2013/14 – PERIOD 6
TREASURY MANAGEMENT HALF YEARLY REPORT.

Cabinet members' reports:

A new [coastal concordat](#), has been developed by Defra to improve and simplify how regulation works. It will put an end to overlaps between regulators, duplication of information requirements, and delays to economically important coastal developments.

Gt Yarmouth has been selected as the supply base for the proposed Dudgeon Shoal wind farm.

Wells has withdrawn from the scheme for town councils to take over the running of CCTV.

Latest News Releases:

Link to NNDC website:

<http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/news.asp>

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 2.12.13

Full details can be found in the Cabinet agenda, on the NNDC website.

<http://www.northnorfolk.org/minutes/Cabinet/02%20Dec%202013/December%20Cabinet%20Agenda%20-%20Final.pdf>

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND

The Big Society Fund to-date has provided financial support to some sixty projects since it was established in 2012. Grants awarded so far this year amount to £101,007 for thirteen projects, which have a total project value of £341,863. Help, advice and support has also been given to a wide variety of other community oriented initiatives, some of which will materialise as applications to the Big Society Fund and others through the Enabling Fund.

Proposals from two projects seeking support from the Enabling Fund (The Atrium and Homes for Wells) for which delegated authority to agree a final funding contribution is sought.

ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE

- 1. That Cabinet notes the progress made to date by the Enforcement Board.**
- 2. That an earmarked reserve of £200,000 be established as outlined within section 8.2 of the report to fund both capital and revenue expenditure as recommended by the Enforcement Board and that release of the funds be delegated to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Head of Finance.**
- 3. That the current capital programme be updated to reflect the removal of the current budget for Empty Homes.**
- 4. That the legal support to the Enforcement Board is funded for 2014/15, from the above reserve.**

FEES AND CHARGES 2014/15

That Cabinet agree and recommend to Full Council:

- a) The fees and charges from 1 April 2014**
- b) The fees for the certification for the installation of wood burners to come into effect from 1 January 2014.**

HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT COUNTER FRAUD POLICY AND PROSECUTION POLICY

To recommend to Council that the revised Counter Fraud Policy and Prosecution Policy are adopted.

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.