

District Councillor's Report for Wells Town Council, 2nd April. 2012

Peter Terrington (PT). To be read in conjunction with report from (JS).

1. Items from previous minutes:

- Derelict land, Unoccupied Homes: Enquiries are continuing re. Units 1-4 on the Maryland Commercial Estate.

2. Outstanding Items:

- Car Parking: The new car parking charges came into effect on 1st April. The Cabinet decided to make the draft Order without modification, as it considered that the objections made, during the consultation period, did not constitute substantive reasons for not bringing the order into force. However, Cabinet decided to waive the enforcement of the requirement to display season tickets on the free vehicle parks, pending further discussions with the town councils. Following my request for information on the outcome consultation, details were provided to the Scrutiny committee which are attached.
- Marine Planning: The MMO East of England Inshore Plan appears to pay insufficient attention to the needs of tourism and leisure activities. Representations need to be made by 20th April.
- Dudgeon Offshore Ltd cable Route: Full Council voted not to defend the appeal. The matter was referred back to the Development Committee on 8th March and it was resolved not to defend the appeal but to invite the Inspector to allow the appeal and grant planning permission, but reserving the right to submit representations on conditions.
- Land at East End: I understand that an application for registration of part of the land has been made to the Land Registry under "Adverse Possession". The District Council is not in a position to lay claim to the area.

New Items:

- Tenancy Strategy: The Council is required to have TS, as a result of enactment of the Localism Act 2011. A strategy has been recommended to Full Council which will enable a more flexible approach of housing stock.

- Fees for Pre-Application Planning Advice: Subject to approval by Full Council, charges for pre application advice will take effect from 1st May. Free advice will still be available from the duty officer.
- Budget: An underspend of £21,807 is predicted for the current year.
- Crime & Disorder Issues: The seven Community Safety partnerships in Norfolk are to merge into one Countywide Community Safety Partnership.
 - Coastal Issues: Our coastline is under great pressure and I have requested that a discussion takes place on Coastal Issues at Scrutiny Committee in June or July. Hopefully, representatives of the relevant statutory bodies will be invited to attend. To explain policy.
- Council Tax & National Non Domestic Rates: It is recommended that Officers be authorised to appear in Magistrates Court, to prosecute or defend for non payment of CT&NNDR.
- Waste Collection and recycling: The collection of brown garden bins has been suspended during the fuel shortage.