

Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 4th Nov. 2013

Wells Matters:

Proposed Co-op Retail Store, Polka Rd, Wells: Discussions are taking place re. The illuminated signage for the retail store.

Proposed Fuel, Polka Rd, Wells: The Council's Procurement Officer and Property Business Manager have visited Wells to view likely alternatives for a coach and lorry park. Work would be needed to upgrade the surface at the Northfield Crescent site and it is necessary to consider the impacts of a coach/lorry park on the residential area. Hopefully any work would be funded from sale of the Polka Road park!

Enforcement Board Update: Both Clarence House and The Maryland Industrial Units are under review. Conservation and Design have visited Clarence House. Schedule 3 notice was dispatched saying Council will do works in default from November 2014.

Invitation Cllr. Russell Wright to a meeting with the town council to discuss the district's tourism strategy. I have spoken to Cllr Wright and he is happy to meet with the Wells TC, in the New Year. He suggests that the TC contacts him directly to arrange a date.

Car Parking Income:

Comparison of income over first 6 month period for 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years.

WELLS - STAITHE STREET	13,567.16	15,339.59-
WELLS - STEARMANS YARD	127,527.29	
	135,238.58	

OTHER NEWS:

CABINET DECISIONS 7.10.13.

1. CCTV Coverage: RESOLVED:

To select Option 3 – the decommissioning of cameras and equipment and the closure of the service subject to the following amendment:

That the following is offered to the town councils which have CCTV:

a. If all 5 town councils can agree to operate the system collectively at no cost to the

District Council that all the equipment in the current control room and all of the other equipment is transferred to the town councils at nil cost. The town councils would then be responsible for all operating costs in the future.

2. BUSINESS RATES POOLING

RESOLVED:

In principle and subject to the negotiation of the detailed financial and governance arrangements, North Norfolk District Council agrees to join a business rates pool with Norfolk County Council and other Norfolk district councils;

Full Council Meeting – 23 October was Cancelled and All matters deferred to the rescheduled meeting on **26 November. Cabinet met at Fakenham Connect, this morning.**

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 recommendation for the signing off of the LDO has yet to be brought to Full Council

North Norfolk Older People’s Forum: Norfolk Putting People First: A public meeting organised by North Norfolk Older People’s Forum will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 26th November at Cromer Community Hall, Garden Street, Cromer. The focus of the meeting will be the Norfolk County Council consultation - “Norfolk Putting People First”.

Further information can be obtained from either David Russell interim Chair of the North Norfolk Older People’s Forum via email redrussell88@gmail.com or Sonia Shuter Health Improvement Officer ext. 6173 sonia.shuter@northnorfolk.gov.uk

Cromer Office Reception Improvement Works:

Reception works are well underway to make the area more user friendly.

Reception improvement works capital budget: £140k

Ongoing revenue savings arising: £33k

Payback period: 4.24 years

News Releases

Council to provide free parking on Remembrance Sunday and the two Saturdays before Christmas

Improvements for Fakenham, Holt, Mundesley and North Walsham car parks

North Norfolk District Council seeks volunteers for new community dog warden scheme

North Norfolk households given more time to save money on gas and electricity bills

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

CABINET DECISIONS 4.11.13.

Walsingham Conservation Area Appraisal: Resolved: To adopt the Walsingham Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals for statutory planning purposes and for it to be a ‘material consideration’ in the planning process.

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2013/14 – PERIOD 6: Resolved: To the release of £100,000 included within the approved capital programme for the Wells Maltings Project

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REVIEW: Resolved: To Approve the allocation of the capital funding of £100.000, to various schemes as identified within the report. I pointed out that Wells would not benefit as it did not have any Council owned playgrounds. I was assured by the leader of the Council that funds were available through the Big Society Fund and the Council had provided funds towards the skate park.

MANAGING PERFORMANCE REPORT, Q2 2013/14: Cabinet resolved to note this report, welcome the progress being made and endorses the actions laid out in being taken by management where there are areas of concern.

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.