

Dear Greg,

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting of Wells Town Council tonight (04/03/2019) and I would be grateful if you would convey my apologies to the meeting. Please see below for a copy of my report - could I ask you to present this to the meeting for me?

Thank you for your help.

Regards

Vincent

Council Tax: At last Wednesday's (27/02/2019) NNDC FULL council meeting an increase of 3.4% in the District's element of council tax was voted through. This is an increase of £4.95 for a band D property - giving a charge of £207.62 (£148.77 for the District and £58.85 for parish and town councils). In 2019/20, NNDC will collect £6.2m (NNDC) and £2.4m (town and parish councils)

Enforcement: The owner of a riding establishment has pleaded guilty for taking payment for hiring horses in contravention of the Riding Establishments Act 1964. The owner applied for a licence for the premises in 2018 but was refused on the basis the location lacked the required facilities. Despite the refusal it came to the attention of North Norfolk District Council officers that the establishment continued to operate. At a hearing at Norwich Magistrates on February 21st the owner submitted a guilty plea and was fined £250 and has to pay £750 towards costs plus the £30 victim surcharge.

North Norfolk Business Awards: The second North Norfolk Business Awards were held on 21 February 2019. The awards were organised by North Norfolk District Council and hosted by Chris Sargisson, Chief Executive of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. I am really pleased to report that two businesses from Priory Ward won awards:

- Small Business, in association with MENTA: The Norfolk Brewhouse
- Young People & Skills, in association with New Anglia LEP: Holkham Estate

Maryland Industrial Estate: NNDC Officers are taking enforcement action to get the estate tidied up.

NNDC's Bagot Goats: North Norfolk has welcomed some cute new arrivals – the first six fluffy kids to be born as part of the District's Bagot goat-breeding programme. The latest additions to the popular herd were a bit wobbly on their feet to start with but the adorable kids are now settling well into Norfolk life and they will be the stars of a forthcoming slot on BBC Radio 4's Farming Today programme.