

Report Cllr Eric Seward (Norfolk County & North Norfolk District Cllr North Walsham East)

Drainage Lynfield Estate: with County Highways being unable to proceed with their plans to sink attenuation tanks into the ground to take excess surface water it has been agreed that the unspent budget for these works can be ring fenced for alternative schemes if these can be found. I have also asked County Highways Dept and the Norfolk Rivers Drainage Board to monitor the maintenance of ditches on the Lyngate Industrial Estate and the ditches flowing from the estate to the Dilham Canal. Some of them are partially blocked with vegetation/ debris. A further issue has arisen with flooding of gardens in Hipperson Close during heavy rainfall. Following a recent site meeting with residents I have taken it up with the local Highways Engineer.

Proposed Western Extension Housing Development. Correspondence has been exchanged with the County Council's Head of Paid Service on what future plans the Council has to source capital funding for infrastructure for this significant development. The Council's response is that they are waiting for the District Council's new Local Plan to be progressed. At this stage they are not recognising that public funding will be required.

Social Distancing Arrangements Town Centre: the existing arrangements will stay in place for the remainder of the year and be reviewed again in early 2021.

Sec 106 financial contributions in North Walsham from planning applications for community projects: Contributions which have not been spent have recently been identified. They include park/green space improvements, allotments and sports/play facilities. In total amount to around £108k. Of immediate concern is two contributions that remain unspent after nearly 10 years. If this is not quickly done the money will have to be returned. It includes monies for allotments and sports/ play facilities and totals £17k. District Council Planners have to approve the spending of these monies. North Walsham Play have made an application for the unspent sports/play facilities for the Trackside Skate Board project. I have alerted the Town Council to unspent monies for allotments. In total it is almost £24k of which £7k is unspent after nearly 10 years. I hope the Council can apply to use these funds.

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Report Cllr Nigel Lloyd (North Norfolk District Council North Walsham West ward & Cabinet member for Environment)

1) After a year of awaiting feedback from Sainsburys they have now advised that they are unable to provide NNDC with access to the sub station on their car park. It was hoped that we could tie into this substation to provide power to 6 EVCP's that would have been situated on Vicarage Rd car park. Disappointment would be an understatement! We are now reviewing other NNDC car parks in the town. Access to HV is an essential requirement for these installations. Holt and Sheringham EVCP's are on line and being well used. Wells, Cromer, Fakenham to follow shortly. As the largest Market Town in NN, we will do all we can to install EVCP's within NW as soon as practicable.

2) Tree planting initiatives continue across the district. A successful tree give away event was held last week at Holt Country park. More events are planned along with community planting events in the New Year. I have made contact with the TC Groundsman who will provide me with a shopping list of trees that can be planted on NWTC owned land. NNDC will supply these FoC.

3) Two new positions at NNDC have been recruited and are in place at NNDC. ~These new positions will manage the Council's drive towards carbon neutrality by 2030.

4) New Road toilet refurbishment will go out for design brief. Completion of the refurbishment will be in 2021.

5) NNDC have carried out a detailed consultation with NN taxi drivers to review the taxi handbook. First major review in the handbook since 2012. This is necessary due to changes in Government guidelines.

6) A new fleet of refuse collection trucks are now on the road serving NN. These vehicles have already made a marked improvement in collection reliability and make significant dent in the carbon footprint of refuse collection in the district.