

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:- Councillor M. Williams

Vice-Chairman:- Councillor J. Lawrence



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 7.00 PM IN STIFFKEY VILLAGE HALL, STIFFKEY

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. M. Williams, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. J. Lawrence,
Cllr. P. Claydon, Cllr. P. Harrison, Cllr. A. Hooper,
Cllr. R. Husain and Cllr. J. Sugden.

District Councillor V. Holliday.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH JULY, 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th July 2024, having been circulated were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

The Clerk read an email received from County Councillor Dalby confirming that he will be attending the November meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. M. Williams in connection with item 12.7 Local Lynx.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Harrison in connection with item 18.6 Hollow Lane.

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4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public attended the meeting.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 County Councillor's Reports:- Attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Reports:- Attached. District Councillor Holliday reported that the new Local Plan includes a further 1,000 extra homes. The Heritage Working Party are meeting next week. Roadworks will be in place shortly for the installation of the new roundabout at Fakenham. The outcome for the closure of Benjamin Court is not favourable. The proposal for the closure of public toilets has been met with public outcry. North Norfolk District Council will be receiving flood boards from the Environment Agency in order to inform visitors of the flood areas.

Cllr. Hooper asked how the bookings for the recycling centers will work for the residents without internet. District Councillor Holliday will look into this matter and report back. It is felt that this initiative will encourage fly tipping.

6. PLANNING

PF/24/1742 and LA/24/1743 – River House, 1 Bridge Street, Stiffkey – The Parish Council has made comments on both these applications which can be viewed on the North Norfolk District Council website.

Decisions:-

PF/24/1013 – Otterslea, 5 Riverbank, Wells Road - Approved

PF/24/1228 – The Marsh, 9A Greenway - Approved

PF/24/1139 – Bridge at Cabbage Creek. Approved.

PF/23/1269 – Lodge Barn, Bridge Street, Stiffkey – Approved.

PF/24/1183 – Hillcrest 36 Wells Road, Stiffkey – Refused.

Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework –
Circulated. Noted.

7. STIFFKEY BRIDGE

- 7.1 It was reported that the work has commenced. There have been some teething problems.
- 7.2 Cllr. Hooper reported that the contractor has undertaken to repair any damage to Greenway as a result of the current work. This matter will be monitored.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

- 8.1 **Social Media:-** Cllr. Husain reported that there are now 16 followers on Facebook and 11 on Instagram. It was **AGREED** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 8.2 **Website:-** Report attached. It was **AGREED** to remove this item from the agenda. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Hooper and her husband for all their hard work on the website. This website is considered one of the best in the area thanks to their hard work.
- 8.3 **Domain Name:-** It was **AGREED** to ask Norfolk ALC to transfer the old domain name which would cease to function for the cost of £142.96.

9. BLAKENEY SURGERY

- 9.1 Report attached. The Clerk reported that she has not had a reply from the new MP Steffan Aquarone. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will chase for a response.
- 9.2 **Dentistry:-** Report attached.

10. POLICE

- 10.1 **SNAP:-** The Clerk reported that she has requested that any future SNAP meetings are held via Zoom or Teams in addition. The Police have confirmed that this will be the case.
- 10.2 **Community Speed Watch:-** Report attached.

11. MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS

- 11.1 The Clerk reported that the bench which has collapsed opposite the Red Lion needs to be removed. It was reported that this cannot be removed until the pieces of metal in the base have been

ground down. Cllr. Husain will make arrangements for this to commence. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will investigate the minutes to try and find any information when the bench was installed and the name on the plaque. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

It was **AGREED** that that Maintenance of Assets will be removed from the agenda until the next inspection in the spring of 2025.

It was **AGREED** to purchase as new battery for the SAM2 Sign. The expenditure has been included in the budget. Cllr. Hooper will action.

12. **FINANCE**

12.1 Cash Book:- The Clerk circulated the cash book to the 31st August, 2024. **AGREED.**

12.2 Bank Statements:- All present signed the bank statements against the bank reconciliation for the period to 31st August, 2024.

12.3	The following payments were AGREED:-	£
	Clerk' salary, office allowance and travel.	580.69
	August and September	
	HMRC – Tax	125.49

12.4 Newsletter:- The Clerk read several emails praising the newsletter. It was **AGREED** that another newsletter will be prepared to be delivered in November. Cllrs. Hooper and Husain will prepare and circulate to Members for comment before printing and circulation. The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Hopper and Husain for all their hard work on preparing the newsletter.

12.5 Budget 2025/26:- It was **AGREED** to accept the draft budget. The Precept will remain at £8,100 per annum.

12.6 Full Council Training:- It was **AGREED** that full council training will be booked for Monday 9th December and Tuesday 10th December to begin at 6.00 pm. The cost of the training will be £484 plus VAT. This will be met by £250 from the training budget and £234 from reserves.

12.7 Local Lynx:- The request for grant funding was discussed following the completion of the budget as agreed. It was **AGREED** that a grant of £135 will be given in this financial year. This will be met from £20 from the S137 budget and £115 from reserves. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to the Local Lynx informing them of the Parish Council's grant procedure which will need to be followed for any future requests. Cllr. Hooper objected to the decision as follows:- Cllr. Hooper said that she is not against funding the Local Lynx but is against funding it from reserves as the Local Lynx is already well funded.

12.8 HMRC:- The Clerk reported that she has informed HMRC of her appointment as Clerk several times but the paperwork is still being sent to the previous Clerk. As a result of this and the fact that the Clerk was in hospital in July a penalty has been issued for late filing of the monthly papers. The Clerk has appealed against the penalty and will update Members accordingly. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will write to the previous Clerk and request that any correspondence received be forwarded to her.

13. DEFIBRILLATOR AND STIFFKEY HEALTHY INITIATIVE WORKING PARTY

13.1 Report attached.

It was **AGREED** to purchase:-

One Zoll AED 3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator £1195.00

One DefibStore 4000PL Outdoor Defibrillator Cabinet Locked with permanent light £555.00

Replacement glass in phone box showing 'Defibrillator'. £90.00

Electrical work and fittings in telephone box already agreed and work commenced. £549.31

Total cost £2398.31 plus VAT.

It was **AGREED** that fund raising continue to raise funds for a CFR donation and other health related activities

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will arrange CPR training with the CFR's for anybody in the village who is interested.

It was **AGREED** that the working group will produce an A5 leaflet for distribution to all households giving details of the defibrillator and CPR training including how to join. The cost of this will be £30.77.

It was **AGREED** that the working group will prepare a schedule for inspection of the defibrillator once a month once installed. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will register the defibrillator.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the working group for their hard work on this matter

- 13.2 Transport Scheme:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will liaise with Tim Adams concerning the paperwork for setting up a CIO charity. It was **AGREED** that an article will be included in the next edition of the newsletter asking for volunteers for the proposed scheme. If volunteers come forward an informal meeting will be held to set-up Trustees and Officers for the charity and to appoint a co-ordinator for the scheme.

14. POLICY REVIEW

- 14.1 Risk Assessments:-** Circulated. No amendments.
- 14.2 Equal Opportunities Policy:-** Circulated. No amendments.
- 14.3 Consultation Policy:-** The Clerk circulated a draft Consultation Policy which was **AGREED**. Thank you goes to Cllr. Hooper for putting this policy together.
- 14.4 Communication Strategy:-** It was **AGREED** that this will be placed on the next agenda to discuss how information is communicated to members of the public.

15. REPORTS

- 15.1 Community First Responders:-** Attached.

16. HIGHWAYS

- 16.1 Temporary Road Closures:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 16.2 Emergency Road Closure:-** The Clerk circulated the email received from Norfolk County Council. Noted. The Clerk circulated an email from Anglian Water who have agreed to repair the damage caused by motorists during the emergency closure. Cllr. Hooper reported that some of the repairs have been carried out. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

- 16.3 Overgrown Branches:-** It was reported that these have all been cut back.
- 16.4 Greenway:-** The Clerk reported that she has written to Norfolk County Council requesting an emergency meeting and for speed signs to be erected. To date no reply has been received and the Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 16.5 Potholes:-** Cllr. Harrison reported that the pothole he reported to the Clerk has been repaired.
- 16.6 H-Bars:-** It was reported that the H-Bars either side of the junction of Bridge Street and the A149 have not been repainted. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 16.7 Blocked Drain:-** Cllr. Lawrence will check whether the blocked drain outside one of the properties has been cleared. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

17. MEETING DATES 2025

- 17.1** Circulated. **AGREED.** The meeting dates will be placed on the Website, Social Media and in the next edition of the newsletter.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- 18.1 Norfolk ALC:-** Various. Circulated. Noted.
- 18.2 The Rural Bulletin:-** Various. Circulated. Noted
- 18.3 Norfolk PTS:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.4 NNDC – Review of Polling Districts:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.5 NCC – Footpaths:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.6 Hollow Lane:-** It was reported that Serco lorries are using this lane which is a public footpath. District Councillor Holliday is liaising with the cleansing team at NNDC to resolve the issue. It was reported that Serco should not be using this lane and they will be informed accordingly by NNDC.
- 18.7 First Aid Training:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.8 Benjamin Court Campaign:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.9 NPPF Consultation:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.10 Norfolk PCC's Police and Crime Plan Consultation:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 18.11 Mental Health Positive Tea-Community Event:-** Circulated. Noted.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 25th November, 2024 at 7.00 pm in Stiffkey Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

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Chairman

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Date

NCC celebrates the success of GCSE students

As students consider their next steps, whether in further education, apprenticeships, or work with training, the council offers continued support with a range of resources available, to help guide them in making informed decisions about their future.

There is also plenty of help and advice for those who may have not done as well as expected, have changed their mind about their plans, or who don't have anything in place for September.

- Speak to the careers teacher/adviser at the school they went to - they will be able to offer help and advice.
- Get in touch with the sixth form or college they have applied to - find out whether they will still give offer a place on their chosen course. Even if they have not achieved the grades required for the course they may still be able to get a place on another suitable course.
- Norfolk County Council's [Help You Choose website](#) has impartial advice and information about options including CV writing, apprenticeship vacancies, and information about different careers. It can also support parents to help them understand the different options for their child. You can use the automated chatbot feature or speak to an adviser on 0344 800 8022.
- Norfolk and Waveney Children and Young People's Health Services offers support for those struggling with their mental health with a range of information and advice on [the Just One Norfolk website](#) and text chat and helpline offers.
- '[Get the Jump' Skills for Life content hub on the National Careers Service website](#) offers information about education and training choices. Students can also chat directly to an expert adviser via webchat or by calling the National Careers Service exam results helpline on 0800 100 900.
- For more information about what to do on results day see [The Student Room GCSE results advice](#).

Norwich Western Link Planning Application

The planning application for the Norwich Western Link is now available. The Norwich Western Link is a 3.8 mile dual carriageway to connect the Broadland Northway from the A1067 Fakenham Road to the A47 west of Norwich.

[View the Norwich Western Link planning application FUL/2024/0022](#)

A hard copy of the application is also available for inspection by appointment at county hall. To book an appointment email nwlplanning@norfolk.gov.uk or phone 0344 800 8020.

The statutory consultation period has ended, and all representations received are being considered. You are no longer able to submit comments using the comment button at the link above as this has been removed. However, if you still wish to make a comment on the application please email nwlplanning@norfolk.gov.uk or write to Planning Services, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH.

Remember to include the planning application reference number FUL/2024/0022.

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Council confident new Government will back devolution for Norfolk

Confidence remains high that more powers and funding will come to Norfolk, after councillors supported devolution talks with the new Government.

County council leader Councillor Kay Mason Billig told today's full council meeting she was seeking a meeting with the new Government, to ensure support for Norfolk's £600 million-plus devolution deal.

Councillors backed an amended motion, moved by Cllr Mason Billig and seconded by Cllr Watkins, to delay a decision until after discussions had taken place with the Government.

The current devolution deal would mean:

- Having a council leader who is directly elected by the public, enabling Norfolk's voice to be heard by the Government
- Targeting funding and resources to Norfolk's own priorities, with a £20 million per year investment fund - worth at least £600 million over 30 years
- Unlocking housing and employment sites
- Investing in the skills we need and attracting and retaining key businesses
- Opening the door to more - further powers and funding in future

Over 1 in 3 traffic collisions in Norfolk caused by distracted drivers.

Recent road safety figures* show that 42% of all driver related traffic incidents in Norfolk are caused by some form of driver distraction and a loss of concentration at the wheel.

This is not surprising, given that more than half of Norfolk residents (57%) admitted that they had arrived somewhere by car but had no clear recollection of parts of the journey, in a recent road safety attitude survey**. This indicates that driving on autopilot is increasingly common, particularly during familiar routes such as driving back home.

To help influence drivers behaviour and enable more people to travel to their destinations safely; Norfolk County Council Public Health's Road Safety team have partnered with Drive iQ, Norfolk Police, Norfolk Fire and Rescue, East of England Ambulance Service and experts in behaviour change to launch a Stay Focused campaign offering businesses and drivers access to free online training and resources to improve focus whilst driving.

Our autopilot is not a good driver and with the evidence that switching our attention from one task to another is exhausting and doing so affects our performance, it has never been so important to remind businesses, drivers and passengers of the practical tips that can improve our focus and safety when we travel. The Stay Focused resources are available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/stayfocused and show you how you can train your brain to keep your mind alert when driving. It includes an interactive quiz developed by the Open University to test how focused you are when you drive and a Mind Coach podcast, offering valuable insights and techniques to train the brain for enhanced focus during driving.

Making Norfolk Roads Safer Survey conducted in March 2023 amongst 600 Norfolk residents stated the following:

- 1 in 4 drivers will start their journey with good focus but will start to lose their concentration towards the end of the journey.
- 22% of drivers claim they have missed a turning on a familiar journey in the last year.
- 30% of drivers admit to becoming distracted whilst at the wheel.
- The top 5 causes of distraction were:
 - Other passengers
 - Using satnav
 - Fatigue
 - Radio
 - Other road user

Bus Passenger figures continue to increase across Norfolk

There were more than 6.9 million journeys taken by bus during April, May and June 2024 compared to 6.1 million for the same period in 2023.

This follows the figures released in April which confirmed an annual rise of 16% for April 2023 to March 2024.

It's now two years since Norfolk County Council received £49.55m of funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) to improve bus services across the county and increase the number of journeys made by bus.

Some of the highlights of bus service improvements delivered over the last two years include:

- Bus stop upgrades meaning 84% across the county are now fully DDA compliant.
- 9 stops across the county are now our 'Gold Stop' standard with 22 to be completed by 2025.
- Almost every bus stop with suitable infrastructure in Norfolk now has a QR Board linking to both scheduled and real-time information. Since installs began these have been used more than 180,000 times.
- Improved journey times for passengers thanks to infrastructure changes delivered using both BSIP funding and other funding streams. (See case studies 1 and 2 in the [Norfolk Bus Service Improvement Plan \(PDF\)](#) [8MB].)
- More than 40 services have been enhanced with increased frequencies, evening and weekend services and some brand-new services starting. (See case study 3 in the [Norfolk Bus Service Improvement Plan \(PDF\)](#) [8MB].)
- Reduced fares, by implementing a £1.50 single journey fare cap in Thetford, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth and a 25% discount on weekly, monthly and group tickets. Norwich Park & Ride fares have also been simplified and discounted, with an adult day ticket now costing only £3 and additional passengers just £1 each.

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Sept District Cllrs report v2



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District Cllrs report Sept 2024 v 2

Corporate affairs

Four well loved community resources have been awarded Asset of Community Value status- Wells Town Tennis Courts, Blue Boar Inn, Gt Ryburgh, The New Inn, Roughton, and Wells Congregational Church. This means that, should the owner ever wish to sell, the community has the right to bid for the asset.

Planning

The new Local Plan should be reviewed by Cllrs Oct/Nov and be going out for public consultation by the end of the year. The most recent letter from the Inspector is available on the Local Plan Examination Latest News page on NNDC's website. The inspector refers to an additional 1300-1500 houses being required over the plan period (currently 12 years).

The local validation list for planning applications (the documents required for your application to be accepted) will be going out for public consultation in early October.

Coastal

An Environmental lawyer has been appointed by NNDCs legal arm, Eastlaw, who will be working on coastal erosion projects.

Benefits

We are keen to identify residents eligible for pension credit. So far we have invited 145 to apply. To check your eligibility for pension credit go to gov.uk/pension-credit, call 0800991234, or contact the Financial Inclusion team (financial.inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

Discretionary housing payments are available for rent arrears, rent deposit and moving costs and on going rent shortfall.

Housing

As of 31st August 2024, there were 2369 households on the council waiting list, with 488 having the most urgent housing needs. In comparison, only 136 houses were let from 1st April to 31st August. As of 31st August, there were 215 open cases of households at risk of homelessness and 53 households in temporary accommodation. The latter is a decrease of 22% from this time last year.

The forecast cost to NNDC for homelessness accommodation for 24/25 net of subsidy is £.65million.

Two rural housing schemes were opened this summer and four more are in build.

The housing adaptation scheme has funding so do please come forward if you need modifications to stay in your own home. Not all grants are means tested so you may be eligible! Urgent home repairs (eg emergency boiler replacement) are also covered. Contact me if you have any questions.

Environment

Environmental Health are required to inspect 390 food businesses by April 2025 to achieve the targets set by the Food Agency.

The Environment Agency will be installing flood risk information boards on the sea wall in CLEY to explain to visitors about flood defences and what happens during a flood.

Finance

The forecast for 2024/25 is for a £1.3 m deficit. This is largely made up of additional borrowing costs, and investment income and housing benefit shortfalls.

NNDC is still in discussion with NCC as to how a proportion of the additional council tax on second homes can be put towards social housing.

Customer service

Call wait times have increased partly due to residents calling about possible benefits suspension. The council is focussing on working smarter and more efficiently to mitigate this.'

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District Councillor

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Fwd: Dc report



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District Councillor's Report Sept 2024

From NNDC:

Planning

There will be further public consultation on any proposed changes to the New Local Plan towards the end of the year. The Wells Neighbourhood Plan has been voted in at local referendum and should now be brought into force.

Benefits

Please contact the Financial Inclusion team at NNDC if you think you are missing out on any benefits - many are. Email Financial.Inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk. Pension credit is especially important at the moment with the new means testing of Winter Fuel payments. You may be eligible even if you own your own home or have savings. To check your eligibility for pension credit, go to gov.uk/pension-credit or call 0800991234. You can also contact NNDC Social Prescribers for questions about isolation, finances, benefits, legal matters, and power of attorney.

Infrastructure

Construction of a new roundabout on the Fakenham bypass is due to get underway in October and last till spring 2025. This will facilitate the build of the housing development to the north of Fakenham. Some disruption to traffic along the A148 will unfortunately occur so I would check the Planned Roadworks page on the Norfolk County Council website if you're heading that way.

Environment

Through its collaboration with Animal Warden Services, NNDC has again won a gold RSCPA Pawprint award for the care and welfare of stray dogs.

Finance

NNDC is currently forecasting a budget deficit for 24/25 of £1.325million. Efficiencies are being sought in how essential services are provided and some non-essential services, such as public toilets, are being scrutinised.

Blakeney Surgery

Holt Medical Practice is working constructively with Blakeney Parish Council to find an alternate method of medicines collection.

Ambulance Response Times/Community First Responders

The North Norfolk Coastal Ambulance Response Times Working Group had a productive meeting with the ambulance trust. Response times vary with the delays in handing patients' care over to the hospitals. The ambulance trust is working hard to keep as many patients as possible in the community when it is safe so to do- latest figure is that they are only taking 40% to hospitals. We are keeping the two rapid response vehicles in Cromer and the cycle paramedic in Wells which are all critical to our emergency care.

We are hugely fortunate to have excellent Community First Responders in our area but not all villages are covered. The Ambulance Trust is always very pleased to hear from residents who are interested in taking up this critical voluntary role. Email CFR@eastamb.nhs.uk for more details.

Dementia Care in the Community

As part of my Chairman's Year at NNDC, I have been visiting some of the wonderful community groups helping those living with dementia and their carers. We are very fortunate to be so well served in North Norfolk. I am planning a seminar early next year to bring volunteers together to share good ideas and celebrate the fantastic work that is being done in our district to make lives better for dementia patients and their carers.

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: Dc report August, many thanks



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District Councillor's Report August 2024

From NNDC:

Planning

The Planning Inspector examining the draft new Local Plan says he's seen a 'clear way forward for the Plan' which is encouraging. He has identified a few areas where the plan might need a little more work, such as extending the Plan period from 2024-2040, addressing an identified shortfall of housing, a review of the number of small villages which could allow some additional growth, and an updated gypsy and traveller accommodation needs assessment.

There will be further public consultation on any proposed changes, hopefully towards the end of the year.

The consultation on the revised National Planning Policy Framework has started, and will run till September 24th. You can find this on the gov.uk website and it's important as the NPPF sets the basis for planning decisions. There's a focus on building more houses and methods to decide how many, and discussion as to where. The Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) has quite a good summary on its website.

The NNDC Planning Service has been rated as platinum by an industry expert for its speed and quality of decision making.

Benefits

Please contact the Financial Inclusion team at NNDC if you think you are missing out on any missed benefits (pension credit, for example, newly relevant with the means testing of Winter Fuel payments). Email Financial.Inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk. You can also contact NNDC Social Prescribers for questions about isolation, finances, benefits, legal matters, and power of attorney.

Environment

Eligible shops which have agreed to no longer sell flying rings or other items posing a danger to seals and other wildlife can now sign up for the NNDC 'Seal of Approval'. You can find out more at www.north-Norfolk.gov.uk/seals.

Finance

Details of how NNDC has responded to a request from Government for a productivity plan can be found on NNDC's website under 'news'. This covers how NNDC is delivering services more efficiently, how it plans to use IT more effectively, and how it will reduce wasteful spend.

Blakeney Surgery

Holt Medical Practice is working constructively with Blakeney Parish Council to find an alternate venue for medicines collection. We have chased our submission to the Secretary of State for Health requesting his intervention against the closure.

Dentistry

You can book an urgent appointment for dental pain via 111. The nearest urgent clinic for us is Fakenham. The system is working but the numbers coming from our area are small so please do spread the word. The Health Board says it is working to improve access by recruiting more dentists and dental nurses.

Mobile connectivity and Broadband

I am in discussions with our new MP to make progress on digital hot spots, smoothing the digital switchover for our residents and broadband speed.

Wind farms

Equinor, who have consent to build extensions to their existing wind farms, Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon, (not the current wind farm build out which is Orsted) have asked to increase the generating capacity of these windfarm extensions. This will involve an increase to the wind turbine rotor swept area, one additional offshore interlink cable and some additional cable crossings. The same area of seabed will be used. I'm just checking how this will work (given they have a maximum number of permitted turbines (53) and a maximum rotor diameter), and its impact on wildlife. If you have any questions do get back to me or contact info@sepandep.co.uk.

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Website

Update:

The website is essentially completed and fully functioning. There are some minor administrative bits and pieces to be undertaken with regard to the transfer of the domain name and its hosting for the next three-year period.

The old site has now had all data and links removed from it with a notice on the Home page simply directing traffic to the new website.

The site is fluid enough to make changes and to add/remove any focus as deemed necessary over time.

There will be some additional work undertaken over the next few months to ensure the site is responsive and easy to use when accessing via a mobile or tablet. Currently this is slightly constrained by NLAC settings and not by our design.

The council will need to agree the following costs are associated with the final shift of the domain and its hosting to NALC and this would need to be actioned ASAP to avoid duplicate payments with Wix

Domain Transfer fee £7.99 + VAT

Domain 3 year domain renewal £44.97 + VAT

Norfolk ALC Admin fee £90

Blakeney Surgery:

Holt Medical Practice are in talks with Blakeney Parish Council to look into the most efficient ways to collect prescriptions in Blakeney. A vending machine for repeat prescriptions looks like a likely option, but this has not yet been finalised.

The 'call in' process to the DHSC has not yet finalised and given the amount of time that has lapsed since³ this application was made, does not look hopeful. There will be an attempt to write to Wes Streeting as the Health Secretary to ask him, if he does not intervene, how he expects to ensure that the needs of residents are properly met.

I would like to recommend the following:

- a. The PC follow up with our MP as to his progress with the DHSC.
- b. Continued monitoring of prescription services and report back in November .

Dentistry

Following on from the last report, there is some news in that Damira Dental have taken over the dental clinic in Wells And Holt after the collapse of Compass Clinic. It is not clear on how it is managing the backlog of patients affected by the Compass Clinic closure as it only has a 12-month emergency contract and had more than 3,000 patient enquiries immediately on taking over – it is prioritising those currently undergoing treatment. While it is clear that the Clinic is not taking on any new NHS patients, it is allowing patients to be placed on a waiting list, which gives cause to believe the emergency contract will morph into something permanent.

There is nothing new to report in terms of the ICB plans. Dentistry is likely to be on their next meeting and agenda so will be reported on at the next Parish Council meeting.

I would recommend that the PC continues the multi-pronged approach :

- a. Using our newsletter to give residents information on dentistry – in particular accessing emergency treatment.
- b. Looking at ways our Health initiative includes transportation to a dentist (both emergency and non-urgent appointments) as an integral component of the transport scheme

Community Speed Watch Report to Parish Council – September 2024

Following volunteers coming forward to create a Community Speed Watch group the speed watch sites had to be located and risk assessed. It proved difficult to find suitable sites due to the nature of our windy, narrow roads through the village.

All sites must comply with the following conditions:

- Safe for volunteers to operate at
- Able to safely accommodate equipment, including safe positioning of CSW signs
- Good visibility to motorists to maximise educational impact and reduce the risk of sudden reactions
- Have a constabulary issued site code

The three sites which were identified as suitable were:

WELLS ROAD - 30mph – Standing on the hard standing near the bus stop monitoring traffic from Wells directions only.

CHURCH STREET – 30MPH – Standing at the corner of St Johns Graveyard in front of sign St Johns Church monitoring traffic from Morston direction only.

CHURCH STREET – 30mph – Standing opposite to the lay-bye near junction/speed change monitoring traffic from the Village heading out.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to identify anywhere in the 20mph zone despite me putting a further request in.

On 30 August the 6 volunteers received training, there are strict guidelines we have to follow, and a minimum of 3 volunteers are required to be available for each session.

To date 2 sessions have taken place as follows:

Monday 2 September 08:00 – 09:00

Thursday 12 September 06:30 – 07:30

After each session a return is submitted to the community speed watch administrator with details of any vehicle travelling at a speed of 35mph or higher in the 30mph limit. After checks are made letters are sent by Norfolk Police to the offenders.

On each occasion we submitted details of 4 vehicles entering the 30mph exceeding 35mph, the highest speed recorded being 51mph.

Our reports are shared monthly with the local Engagement Officer who will look at high speeders and identify further action that might be needed.

To have maximum impact ideally, we should be holding weekly sessions of monitoring but with our limited number of volunteers and their other commitments it

is proving difficult to find suitable times when 3 people are available. If any other volunteers would like to come forward, they should contact the Stiffkey co-ordinator Jackie Appleby via email jackieappleby295@gmail.com

Stiffkey Health Initiative Working Party

At a meeting of the above held on Wednesday 18 September 2024, it was agreed to submit the following proposal to Stiffkey Parish Council for agreement at their meeting on Monday 30 September 2024.

The current donations received stand at £2435 (as at 18 September 2024)

1. We propose that we immediately purchase the following from the Defib Warehouse

One Zoll AED 3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator	£1195.00
One DefibStore 4000PL Outdoor Defibrillator Cabinet Locked with permanent light.	£555.00

Together with:

Replacement glass in phonebox showing 'Defibrillator'.	£90.00
Electrical work and fittings in telephone box Already agreed and work commenced.	£549.31
Total cost (excluding VAT).	£2398.31

2. We propose that fund raising continues to raise funds for a CFR donation and other health related activities

3. We propose we arrange CPR training with the CFR's for anybody in the village who is interested.
Ask the Clerk to contact the CFR's to arrange suitable date(s).

4. We propose producing an A5 leaflet for distribution to all households giving details of the defibrillator and CPR training including how to join. The cost of this will be £30.77 and covered by the donations already held. It was felt that it was important that the leaflet is distributed within a week to ten days of the defibrillator being fitted.

Note: Arrangements have been made for the voluntary clearance of the vegetation around the telephone box.