

NOTICE OF MEETING **AND SUMMONS TO ATTEND**

**The meeting of Sprowston Town Council
will be held in the School Room at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston
NR7 8TR on Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

Item No.

1. To receive declarations of interest.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public and Councillors with prejudicial interests to speak.
4. To confirm the minutes of the Council's meetings held 23 February 2022. Pages 1 - 9
5. To agree action/response arising from the minutes.
(1) Appeal Sprowston Sports and Social Club Listing as Asset of Community Value. Pages 10 - 11
6. To receive any Police Liaison Officer's report:
(1) Old Catton & Sprowston West Ward (Sprowston SNT) February 2022. Pages 12 - 13
(2) Sprowston Central & East Ward (Sprowston SNT) February 2022. Pages 14 - 15
7. To receive correspondence:
(1) Norwich Western Link. Pages 16 - 18
(2) Offshore Transmission Update - February 2022. Pages 19 - 23
8. To receive any written/verbal reports from Sprowston County and District Councillors. Page 24
9. To receive the report of the Town Clerk. Pages 25 - 31
10. To consider accepting the White House Farm - Open Spaces, Skate Park, Play Areas plans. Pages 32 - 36
11. Adjourn the meeting for a short break.
12. To consider the draft update of the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan. Pages 37 - 47
13. To consider the Schedule of Meeting Dates Municipal Year 2022 - 2023. Page 48
14. To receive any written/verbal reports from the Council's Committees and Working Groups. (Notes of the Recreational Facilities Working Group meeting held 1 March 2022 enclosed)
15. To receive any written and verbal reports from Councillors representing the Council on or at outside organisations.
16. To consider planning applications to 16 March 2022. Page 49
17. To receive planning decisions week ending:
(i) 18 February 2022 Page 50
(ii) 25 February 2022 Page 51
18. To confirm the payment of accounts to 16 March 2022. Pages 52 - 54
19. To receive the schedule of direct debits. Page 55
20. To receive the schedule of credit card payments. Page 56

21. The Town Mayor will move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business because otherwise information prejudicial to the public interests which is exempt by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 Section 1 (2) would be disclosed to them.
22. Planning Enforcement:
 - (1) Outstanding Cases.

Pages 57 - 59



Guy Ranaweera
Town Clerk

10 March 2022

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Footnote:

¹ Councillors have a statutory legal duty under the Local Government Act 2000, to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they have in items contained in the above agenda. Failure to do so may result in the individual Councillor being reported to the Standards Board for England.

Town Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s.17 when reaching a decision.

Planning Applications listed above are those in the office at the time of publication of the Agenda. The Council may consider others received up to the date of the meeting if appropriate. Plans may be viewed in the Council office during office hours, and are available from 7 pm on the date of the meeting. Alternatively, to view on line please go to www.broadland.gov.uk and follow the links through to planning.

It should be noted that Councillors Mr J F Fisher and Mr J M Ward (Town Mayor) will or could be making comments on the planning applications at this meeting as a non-statutory consultee on behalf of the Town Council. However, as both Councillors are on the Planning Committee of Broadland District Council, they would like it made clear that their views could change at those meetings when more information could lead them to a differing view than that expressed at this meeting. To this end they will be abstaining from voting on planning matters, apart from in the case of a tied vote when the Chairman will make the casting vote.

This Meeting is open to the Public and the Press. Copies of this Agenda and Draft Minutes referred to above are available from the Council Office. Signed copies of the Minutes may also be downloaded from the Council's website www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk (go to Agenda and Minutes page). They are available (unless marked confidential) for public inspection at the Council Offices during public opening hours.

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council. The Council request that anyone wishing to record the meeting lets the Council know beforehand so appropriate arrangements can be made to facilitate the recording.

MEETING OF SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCILLORS – 23 FEBRUARY 2022

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at the School Room, Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 23 February 2022, the following Councillors were present: -

Mr J M Ward – Town Mayor

Mr W F Couzens - Mr J F Fisher
Ms D Coleman - Mrs B J Lashley
Mrs J Leggett

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera - Town Clerk and Responsible
Financial Officer
Mrs E Elliot - Committee Officer

5 members of the public were present

22/047. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

22/048. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mr A J Barton, Mr M G Callam, Mrs B Cook, Mr R J Knowles, Mr J H Mallen, Ms C T Rumsby, Mr G S Tingle and Mrs K Vincent.

22/049. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mr J M Ward seconded by Mrs B J Lashley it was **RESOLVED**, that the meeting be adjourned to receive residents' questions on matters concerning the town. Residents were reminded that their questions should be addressed to the Chairman who would, assisted by the Town Clerk, reply.

A resident of School Lane expressed concern with regard to Planning Application 20220107 installation of external racking for storage at Norfolk Trucks Ltd on the boundary with School Lane. He felt it would create a health and safety issue, was unsightly and out of keeping with the surrounding area. However, if the Planning Authority granted permission, he would like it to be conditional on the trees being maintained to partially screen the structures.

Referring to Sprowston Green Mr R Hughes commented on the prevalence of speeding vehicles throughout St. Marys and St. Margaret's estate particularly at the junction with Church Lane, and the increase in vehicles parked on pavements impeding visibility. Given the level of foot traffic in this area he considered pedestrians to be at high risk and requested Council's support in urging Norfolk County Highways to implement a 20mph limit similar to the Wilks Farm Drive Estate.

The meeting was reconvened.

22/050. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3 February 2022, having previously been circulated to all Councillors were subject to the following amendments

22/030, paragraph five after "arrange." Insert "On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED."

confirmed and signed by the Chairman / Town Mayor of the Council.

22/051 ACTION FROM MINUTES

- (1) Appeal - Listing Sprowston Sports and Social Club (SSSC) as an Asset of Community Value (Minute 22/026 (1))

Council noted the land owners of SSSC had made a request for Broadland District Council (BDC) to review the decision to list SSSC as an Asset of community Value.

In response to a question from Mrs B J Lashley, Mrs J Leggett explained that submission of further evidence was restricted to the land owner and BDC were obligated to give them an opportunity for an oral hearing. The Town Council could also ask for an oral hearing.

It was agreed the Town Clerk to notify the Senior Governance Officer at BDC of the Council's reasons for supporting SSSC being listed as an Asset of Community value as well as the level of local support and petition for its listing.

- (2) Police Liaison Officers Report

Further to Minute 22/026, Mrs J Leggett reported she had been advised that incidences of crime recorded on Norfolk Constabulary's website differed from those listed in the crime statistics presented to Council as they also included some domestic crimes and sexual crimes. Furthermore, reported crimes are added to the website following production of the crime statistics presented to Council. Norfolk Constabulary had agreed to investigate.

Referring to Minute 22/028, Mr J M Ward advised that expected savings of £55k referred to in his written report should have read £55m.

22/052. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

- (1) Old Catton & Sprowston West Ward (Sprowston SNT) January

Mrs B J Lashley commented on the recruiting of unpaid Special Constables noting that Norfolk Constabulary had disbanded paid Community Support Officers.

Mr J M Ward replied that Special Constables had always existed, Norfolk Constabulary were simply recruiting more of them.

- (2) Sprowston Central & East Ward (Sprowston SNT) January

Council noted Sprowston Central & East Ward crime updates 1 December 2021 - 31 December 2021.

22/052. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT (CONTINUED)

(3) Police and Crime Commissioners News Roundup - January 2022

Council noted the Police and Crime Commissioners News Roundup - January 2022.

22/053. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Norwich Western Link Update

Ms D Coleman observed that:

- comments made in the update with regard to carbon emissions differed from those on the Government website.
- unions disagree that roads of this nature kick start economies.
- habitats such as mature trees cannot be replaced.
- Costessey is not linked to the project and rat running will continue.
- there is a petition with 45,000 people objecting to the building of the Western Link.

Mrs B J Lashley remarked, completion of the road would reduce traffic on unsuitable country and lanes and keep traffic out of the suburbs as proven by the Northern Broadway.

Council noted Norfolk County Council's Norwich Western Link project update.

22/054. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr J M Ward also verbally reported:

- (1) The owner of the site at Sprowston Sports and Social Club has appealed the Council's decision to list it as an Asset of Community Value. The appeal will be considered by Emma Goddard Deputy Monitoring Officer, with a decision by 8 April 2022.
- (2) The Secretary of State has granted development consent for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm with up to 200 wind turbines. This is in addition to the Norfolk Boras site granted 10.12.21 and the Hornsea Three Site 31.12.20.
- (3) On 14 February 2022 as Town Mayor, I attended the Miyawaki Mini Forest on Sprowston Recreation Ground and planted one of the first trees.
- (4) On 21 February 2022 after nearly 5 hours of debate, Norfolk County Council, Full Council passed the budget for 2022/23 with no amendments. The Council tax was set a 2.99% increase.

22/054. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

- (5) Bookings are now open for “The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun”, a programme of free activities for 5 -16-year-olds during the Easter holidays. Details at BigNorfolkHolidayFun-activenorfolk

Mrs J Leggett verbally reported:

- (1) She had also attended the planting of the Miyawaki Mini Forest on Sprowston Recreation Ground and looked forward to seeing how it developed.
- (2) Broadland District Council had awarded a new waste services contract with vehicles fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO).
- (3) Her District Council ward funding grant was given to St. Cuthbert’s Scout Group as was Mr J M Ward’s.

Mr J F Fisher verbally reported that he was meeting with the newly appointed Norfolk County Council Highways Engineer on Thursday 24 February 2022.

In response to Councillor’s questions relating to Falcon Road School Mr J F Fisher advised:

- the delay in reopening was due to the removal of asbestos.
- portable classrooms were leased and would be removed.
- whilst the new school had been specifically designed and was more energy efficient ventilation plans were completed pre-COVID.

With regard to prohibiting traffic around schools during pick-up and drop-off times a pilot scheme initially involving six schools will be launched later in the year.

Mrs B J Lashley mentioned Ipswich Borough Council offered a Podback service enabling residents to recycle their coffee pods every week as part of their kerbside waste and recycling collections. She asked if Broadland District Council would consider introducing a similar scheme.

Mrs J Leggett replied that Broadland District Council had just introduced a weekly kerbside scheme to collect textiles, small electrical and electronic equipment and suggested its success should be monitored before introducing further initiatives.

22/055. RE-NOMINATION OF BLUR BOAR PUBLIC HOUSE TO THE REGISTER OF COMMUNITY ASSETS

Council noted the five-year listing of the Blue Boar PH on the Asset of Community Value Register was due to expire on 20 April 2022.

Mrs B J Lashley proposed, seconded by Mr W F Couzens to submit a new application to re-nominate the Blue Boar PH to the Asset of Community Value Register. On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

22/056. ENDURING PHYSICAL COMMEMORATION OF HRH THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk and a number of suggestions were made including:

- Re-naming the Viking Centre to Jubilee Centre or Jubilee Hall
- Planting of broadleaf trees at Wilks Farm Drive - in keeping with the Green Canopy
- Benches with wrought iron sides and wooden slats.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED to

- Name the Viking Centre's main hall The Elizabeth II Jubilee Hall
- Install two benches and plant flower beds at Cannerby Lane Green and request the Recreational Facilities Working Group to consider a suitable scheme for Council's consideration:
- Councillors to email the Town Clerk with any further ideas

22/057. COVID PRECAUTIONS AND VENUE FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Having considered the Town Clerks report it was

RESOLVED to continue holding Council meetings in the School Room, with full social distancing, hand sanitising and partial ventilation for three months and monitor the impact of reductions in Covid restrictions.

22/058. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Tiny Forests - Sprowston Recreation Ground

Council was pleased to note the popularity of the community event to plant a tiny forest on Sprowston Recreation Ground.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 Streetlighting on Atlantic Way

Council noted the Town Clerk's response to Norwich Evening News regarding the lack of working streetlighting on Atlantic Way

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 No matters were reported

22/058. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Speeding on Moore Avenue; Road Safety at Junction of Moore Avenue and Burma Road

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk and it was

RESOLVED to request Norfolk County Council to implement clearer road markings and alternative signage.

5.2 Request for a New 20mph Speed Restriction on the St Mary and Margaret's Estate and the section of Church Lane between the Mini-roundabout and the Vehicle Gate

Mr J M Ward reported Chris Alston Norfolk County Council's Highways Manager had already undertaken to inspect the road and consider residents' concerns.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**

To request Norfolk County Council to:

- implement a 20mph speed limit on St. Marys Grove, St. Margarets Drive and the stretch of road from the Barkers Lane/Church Lane mini-roundabout extending up the branch of Church Lane that leads to the vehicle gate.
- paint 20mph roundels on the stretch of road from the Barkers Lane/Church Lane mini-roundabout extending up the branch of Church Lane past Aitkin Close and the entrance to the St. Mary and St Margarets estate.

5.3 Request for Safety Measures in the Vicinity of Chopyngs Dole Close Play Area and the Blue Boar Lane Roundabout

Having considered the Town Clerk's report, it was **RESOLVED** to request Norfolk County Council Highways install an appropriate traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing at a suitable point between the Wroxham Road roundabout and the Blue Boar Lane roundabout.

ATTACHMENTS

- 6.1 Statement Concerning Streetlighting on Atlantic Avenue**
- 6.2 Map showing location of Moore Avenue**
- 6.3 Close-up of junction of Moore Avenue and Burma Road, showing junction priorities**
- 6.4 Email from a resident on the St Mary and Margaret's estate**
- 6.5 Map Showing approximate outline of St Mary and Margaret's estate.**
- 6.6 Map showing location of parks and open spaces in the vicinity of the Blue Boar Lane roundabout**

22/059. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr J M Ward, seconded by Mrs J Leggett it was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

22/060. LETTER TO BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING

RESOLVED the proposed letter regarding provision of public amenity space in future largescale housing developments be sent to the Broadland District Council's Director of Place, Phil Courtier.

22/061. VIKING CENTRE CONSULTATION RESULTS

Having considered the Viking Community Hub Consultation Suggestions together with architectural plans of the building Council agreed to sign off the latest drawings. However, based on the consultation feedback it was agreed the following observations be taken into consideration:

1. Avoid toilets opening directly into meeting rooms
2. Could an external area be identified for outside café seating?
3. One of the commentators recalls there used to be a mural of a Viking displayed somewhere on an internal wall. If this mural is still intact, hidden under plasterboard or the like, Council would like it preserved

RESOLVED taking into account the above observations to proceed to submit a planning application.

22/062. GRASS RUNNING TRACK - BARKERS LANE OPEN SPACE

RESOLVED to agree to the mowing of a running track on Barkers Lane open space.

22/063. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Minutes of the Recreational Facilities Working Group (RFWG) meeting held 11 February 2022 were previously circulated.

22/064. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written or verbal reports were received.

22/065. PLANNING

The Town Clerk reported that observations had been requested by the District Council's Head of Planning on applications received since the last meeting.

Having considered each application and the accompanying plans the Council

RESOLVED

22/065. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

(a) to raise no objection to the following applications:

202120707 - retention of pigeon loft in rear garden at 227, Wroxham Road, Sprowston.

20212321 - rear garden room / conservatory extension and replacement shed at 115, Moore Avenue, Sprowston.

20212334 - squaring off of existing flat roof extension, including the replacement of the roof to incorporate a sky lantern. Single storey rear extension. Single storey front extension including porch at 10, Moore Avenue, Sprowston.

20220080 - first floor rear extension at 3, Heigham Close, Sprowston.

20220157 - screening opinion request for a new pipeline land south of the NDR, North of Norwich at land south of the NDR, North of Norwich.

(b) to oppose the granting of planning application 20220107 - installation of external racking for storage of goods at Norfolk Trucks Ltd, School Lane, Sprowston on the following grounds:

Industrial racking erected at a height of 5.1m on the boundary with School Lane, a predominantly residential area, would be an unneighbourly form of development, have an adverse visual impact on the street scene and is contrary to the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.

However, if the Planning Authority is minded to approve this application the Town Council would request the existing line of trees on the School Lane boundary be maintained and further enhanced with additional planting at a height exceeding 5.1 metres to screen the structure from residential properties. Also, the reinstatement of vegetation removed when racking was constructed without planning permission on the boundary with Lushers Loke.

22/066. PLANNING DECISIONS

Council noted planning decisions for week ending 28 January 2022 and 4 February 2022.

22/067. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS 23 FEBRUARY 2022

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 23 February 2022 totalling £12,150.31.

In response to Mrs J Leggett's question the Town Clerk explained:

Invoice No. 36535724 Council Tax adjustment for the Viking was an amended invoice.

Mrs B J Lashley suggested reinstating contributions to Creative Arts East and commence the monthly cinema.

22/067. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS 23 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

On the motion of Mr J M Ward, seconded by Mrs J Leggett it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 2 February 2022 totalling £12,150.31 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr J M Ward and Mrs J Leggett.

22/068. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule of direct debit payments to 23 February 2022 totalling £17,414.46 was approved and noted.

22/069. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS & BARCLAY VISA DEBIT TO 23 FEBRUARY 2022

The schedule of credit card and Barclay Visa Debit payments to 23 February 2022 totalling £64.88 was approved and noted.

There being no other necessary business the Chairman / Town Mayor of the Council thanked Councillors for their participation and declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

16 March 2022

Town Mayor

Guy Ranaweera

From: Emma Goddard <Emma.Goddard@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 March 2022 16:50
To: Emma Goddard
Subject: RE: Appeal - listing of Sprowston Sports and Social Club as an ACV

Good afternoon

Further to my email below, I wanted to advise that I have received a request for an Oral Hearing from the owner's representative. I have today also agreed an extension of time to conclude the review, although we have not yet agreed a date as this will be determined by when we can schedule the Hearing. This process does not affect the current listing of the asset.

I should clarify that an Oral Hearing is an opportunity for the owner (or their appointed representative) to present their evidence to the officer conducting the review. There is no opportunity for them to ask questions and a decision will not be made on the day. It is also not an opportunity for any other party to respond to points made by the owner - it is purely an opportunity for the owner to present their case orally.

Essentially, the review is a process by which someone different from the original decision-maker considers all the evidence presented and comes to a fresh conclusion on whether the asset should be listed. The exact same criteria under the Localism Act 2011 applies to original decisions and those of a review – Sections 88(1) or 88(2). All evidence considered by the Communities Team has been passed to me, therefore please do not worry about making these available to me.

I will let you know the revised deadline in due course, but in the meantime, if you have any further queries, please let me know

Regards
Emma.

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From: Emma Goddard
Sent: 16 February 2022 13:54
Subject: Appeal - listing of Sprowston Sports and Social Club as an ACV

Good afternoon

I am writing to inform you that the Council has been requested to review the decision to list Sprowston Sports and Social Club as an Asset of Community Value.

The Council is required, by law, to follow a very specific process when reviewing its decision. The owners of the premises will be allowed to submit additional evidence to support their case, and the review must be carried out by an officer who has taken no part in the decision to list the asset. In that regard, I undertake such reviews in my capacity as the Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer. I must reach a decision by 8 April 2022 (unless an extension is required and agreed by the asset owner), and I will notify you of the outcome in due course.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Emma

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CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- Road Safety (including speeding)
- Nuisance related Anti-social behaviour
- Drug dealing/drug use

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

During the past month the Local Policing Neighbourhood Team (LPNT) have been proactively dealing with their neighbourhood priorities.

We have been busy conducting speed checks in our Parishes. Officers have also liaised with Community Speed Watch and The Safety Camera Partnership during these patrols. The use of speed monitoring cameras (static) has also been employed, this has shown that in some areas of complaint there is a much lower speeding issue than originally thought. This can be due to several reasons, the main one being speed perception, which can be due to the size of vehicle, noise emitted or size of the road they are using. Officers will continue to patrol areas of parking issues, especially outside Schools, whilst engaging with parents (and the Schools) to make these areas safer for children, and pedestrians, at the busiest of times.

LPNT Officers have also been conducting high visibility foot patrols, known as 'Park, Walk and Talk', in public spaces, recreation grounds and Parishes. The patrols have been giving public reassurance, and a chance for members of the public to approach Officers with any concerns and issues they may have. There has been good feedback regarding the engagements made with everyone. Due to the recent Government announcement it will hopefully see more public engagements happening, of which the LPNT Officers will attend, if available. Please keep the team updated, via your local LPNT e-mail address, regarding any events you are organising during 2022. We look forward to meeting you all.

Regards, Sgt Oliver Ketteridge.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Priority Setting Meeting – Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 6pm online via Microsoft Teams

For local engagement surgeries see Broadland Police social media pages



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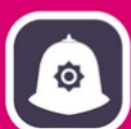


CRIME UPDATES 1st to 31st January

Offence	Numbers	What could this entail
Arson	0	Damage caused as a result of fire.
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	1	Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident.
Burglary business and community	0	A person commits theft in a building or structure that is not lived in.
Burglary residential	1	Entry and theft in a building or a structure that is lived in.
Criminal Damage	7	A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else.
Domestic	4	Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality.
Hate Incident	0	Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.
Race or Religious aggravated public fear	0	Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above.
Possession of controlled substance	0	Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.
Possession of weapons	0	Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon.
Public fear, alarm or distress	1	Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence.
Robbery	0	Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear.
Theft from a motor vehicle	0	Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	0	Any motor vehicle including those abandoned.
Theft of pedal cycle	0	From a public place, if stolen from a shed or garage this would be a BOTD.
Theft from a person	1	Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

During the past month the Local Policing Neighbourhood Team (LPNT) have been proactively dealing with their neighbourhood priorities.

We have been busy conducting speed checks in our Parishes. Officers have also liaised with Community Speed Watch and The Safety Camera Partnership during these patrols. The use of speed monitoring cameras (static) has also been employed, this has shown that in some areas of complaint there is a much lower speeding issue than originally thought.

This can be due to several reasons, the main one being speed perception, which can be due to the size of vehicle, noise emitted or size of the road they are using. Officers will continue to patrol areas of parking issues, especially outside Schools, whilst engaging with parents (and the Schools) to make these areas safer for children, and pedestrians, at the busiest of times.

LPNT Officers have also been conducting high visibility foot patrols, known as 'Park, Walk and Talk', in public spaces, recreation grounds and Parishes. The patrols have been giving public reassurance, and a chance for members of the public to approach Officers with any concerns and issues they may have. There has been good feedback regarding the engagements made with everyone. Due to the recent Government announcement it will hopefully see more public engagements happening, of which the LPNT Officers will attend, if available. Please keep the team updated, via your local LPNT e-mail address, regarding any events you are organising during 2022. We look forward to meeting you all.

Regards, Sgt Oliver Ketteridge.

CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- Road Safety (including speeding)
- Nuisance related Anti-social behaviour
- Drug dealing/drug use

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Priority Setting Meeting – Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 6pm online via Microsoft Teams

For local engagement surgeries see Broadland Police social media pages



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

SPROWSTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

SPROWSTON CENTRAL & EAST WARD



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CRIME UPDATES 1st to 31st January

Offence	Numbers	What could this entail
Arson	0	Damage caused as a result of fire.
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	2	Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident.
Burglary business and community	0	A person commits theft in a building or structure that is not lived in.
Burglary residential	2	Entry and theft in a building or a structure that is lived in.
Criminal Damage	5	A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else.
Domestic	7	Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality.
Hate Incident	0	Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.
Race or Religious aggravated public fear	0	Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above.
Possession of controlled substance	1	Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.
Possession of weapons	0	Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon.
Public fear, alarm or distress	1	Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence.
Robbery	0	Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear.
Theft from a motor vehicle	2	Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2	Any motor vehicle including those abandoned.
Theft of pedal cycle	0	From a public place, if stolen from a shed or garage this would be a BOTD.
Theft from a person	0	Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket.



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Guy Ranaweera

From: Norwich Western Link <Norwichwesternlink@norfolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 February 2022 15:48
To: Guy Ranaweera
Subject: Norwich Western Link project update
Attachments: NWL route refinement map.jpg

Dear Mr Guy Ranaweera

I'm writing to let you know that a report providing an update on our Norwich Western Link project, to create a new dual carriageway road between the A47 and the western end of Broadland Northway, has been published on our website today. This report will be considered by the county council's cabinet when it meets on Monday 7 March and you can view it [here](#). You can also read a press release about the report on our website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/news.

The report gives some further detail on our work to develop the design of the Norwich Western Link, including ongoing work to refine the route to take account of findings from our 2021 bat surveys. We've provided a map with the report that gives an indication of the route refinement - this is indicated by the dotted line at the northern end of the route. I've attached this map here too.

Continuing to develop the design of the road and its associated measures in response to evidence is a normal and expected part of the process for an infrastructure project, and it's very possible that further updates may be needed following our upcoming pre-planning application consultation. This approach will help us to submit the best possible proposals for the project in our planning application.

I'm sure many of you will be aware that Sweet Briar Road, on the western side of Norwich's outer ring road, is currently closed due to a burst water pipe washing away an embankment. Anglian Water have said that repairs will take several weeks and the road will need to remain closed in the meantime, and the traffic congestion and queuing on other roads in the network will also continue.

One of the many benefits the Norwich Western Link will create is something highways engineers like to call 'network resilience'. In a nutshell this means having enough capacity so that the road network can cope in this kind of circumstance, or when road maintenance is needed or traffic collisions occur. Together with the planned dualling of the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton, the Norwich Western Link will create a fully dual carriageway orbital route around the city, reducing the need for traffic to enter Norwich but also providing an excellent alternative route if and when problems arise on other routes.

When you consider the environmental impact of vehicles sitting and crawling along in tailbacks, the money being wasted in petrol costs on congested roads, and, most crucially, people - including emergency services and key workers - being held up in queues, this is a huge issue. Continuing to invest in our transport infrastructure, including creating the Norwich Western Link, will clearly make a big difference to this and will make many journeys quicker, more efficient and more reliable.

Do have a look at the cabinet report linked to above for more information on the Norwich Western Link, or visit the project's dedicated webpages at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl. Work to develop the design and mitigation measures is ongoing and we will provide further updates when we're able, including our intention to provide a further report to our June cabinet meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, let me know and I and the project team will do our best to answer them.

Best wishes,

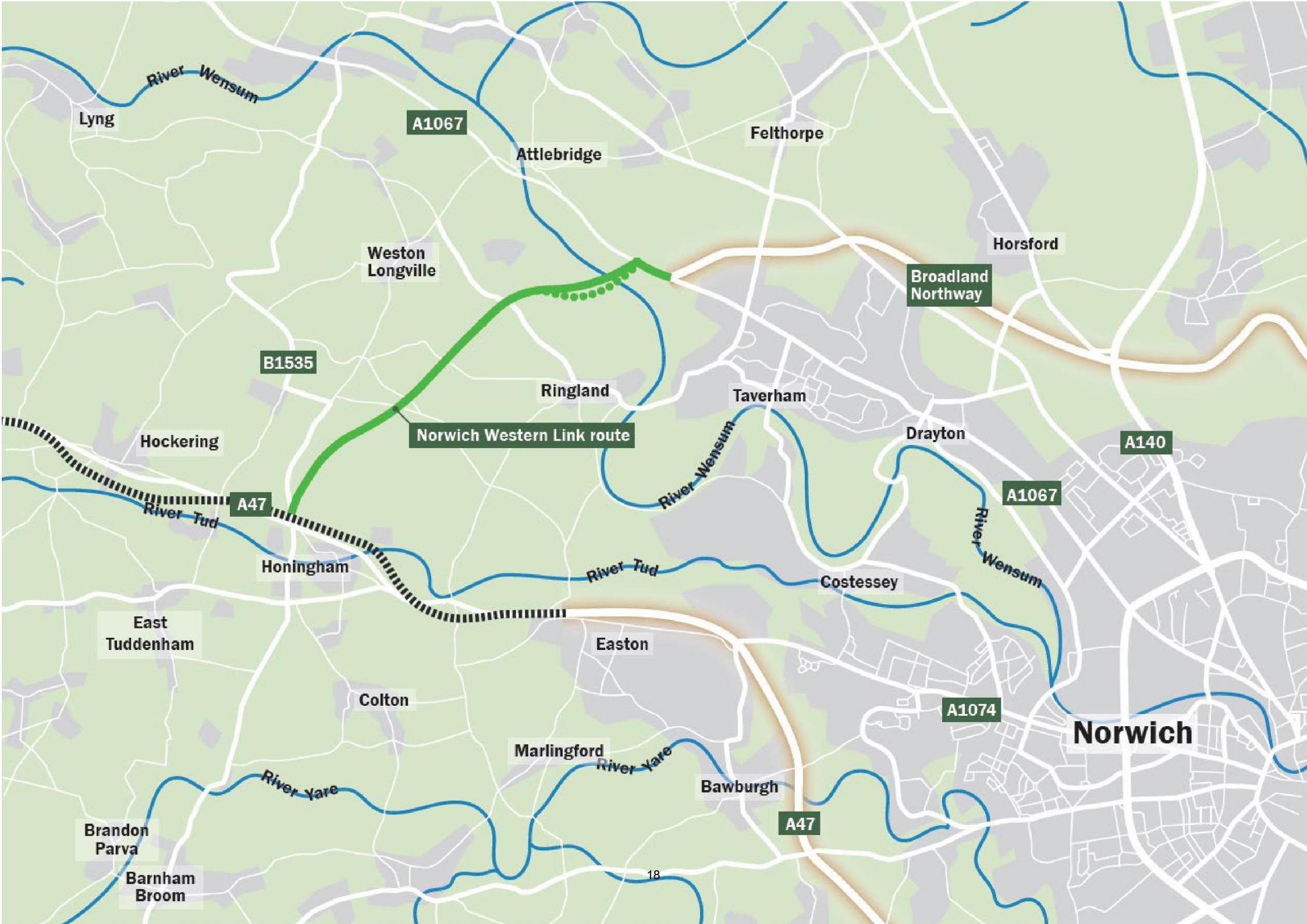
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Cllr Martin Wilby
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure
Norfolk County Council



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River Wensum

A1067

Attlebridge

Felthorpe

Weston Longville

Horsford

Broadland Northway

B1535

Ringland

Taverham

Drayton

A140

Hockering

Norwich Western Link route

A47

River Tud

Honingham

River Tud

A1067

River Wensum

Costessey

East Tuddenham

Easton

Colton

A1074

Norwich

Marlingford

River Yare

Bawburgh

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Brandon Parva

Barnham Broom

The Norfolk Parish Movement for an Offshore Transmission Network (OTN)

Update: February 2022

Dear Chairs, Councillors and Clerks,

The last two months have been a turbulent and difficult time.

However, to start on a positive note: since Christmas several more parishes have joined the group and the Norfolk Parish Movement for an OTN now has a truly impressive membership of 95 Parish and Town Councils.

We welcome all those who have recently joined.

So – what are we facing now?

Calendar of recent events:

1. Vattenfall's Norfolk Boreas (NB): consented on 10th December 2021, is assumed to have entered the government's Contract for Difference (CfD) auction which opened on 13th December 2021.
2. Vattenfall's Norfolk Vanguard (NV): *re*-consented on 11th February 2022. See Decision Letter attached.
3. Orsted's Hornsea Three (H3): was consented way back in December 2020 and is now assumed to have entered the CfD (see Comments Section 6 below) in Dec. 2021.
4. Equinor's Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project (SEP/DEP): is now gearing up to enter the NSIP planning process Q2 (April – June) this year. Has announced dates of further Town Hall public information days. See update slides attached.
5. OTN Review: BEIS hosted a webinar update on the work of the OTNR on 31st January 2022. Link attached at point 5 below.
6. Contract for Difference (CfD) auction - closed on 14th January 2022. Details of the contracts awarded to particular developers are expected to be announced in July this year.

Comments:

Norfolk is currently in the position of facing the onshore disruption from three enormous offshore wind farm projects, all now with development consent. It is important to note that **all three** of the panels of Planning Inspectors – appointed to conduct a 6-month public examination process in each case – **recommended refusal**. And in each case that recommendation was **overturned by the Secretary of State**.

As at today, however, no project yet has a contract to produce electricity, although results of the recent subsidy auction (CfD), relating to Hornsea Three and Norfolk Boreas, are expected to be published in July.

1. **Norfolk Boreas:** was granted a development consent order (DCO) on 10th December 2021. This was hugely disappointing, as more than 90 Norfolk councils had been urging the Secretary of State (SoS) to defer this decision until after the Offshore Transmission Network Review reports on its work later this year. Many parties held discussions during the ensuing 6-week window for appeal, as to the viability of mounting a challenge at Judicial Review (JR). For several reasons, the deadline passed without this being possible. Vattenfall immediately re-doubled their PR charm offensive, offering all and sundry in Norfolk the unedifying prospect of competing with each other for grants from their “Community Fund” – awarded to projects that *“will be designed to help realise your communities’ development ideas, in a climate-smarter way.”* They will be holding ‘workshops’ to teach you how to *“work together to create stronger projects and be better prepared to pitch for community benefit funding from 2024.”* Good luck with that. Alternatively, feel free to consider responding to Vattenfall, demanding instead **the right to compensation** rather than a ticket to a funding lottery, and pointing out that 95 parishes have already come up with an excellent idea for developing their communities’ ability to live in a “climate-smarter way” - and it’s called **an Offshore Transmission Network**. We are obliged to point out the inconvenient truth that Vattenfall has spectacularly failed to take its own advice and “work together to create stronger projects” by **failing to work together with Orsted and Equinor** to encourage **all to opt in** to the design of the OTN.

2. **Norfolk Vanguard:** The SoS has been re-considering this project since the JR last year, and **re-consented** it on 11th February 2022. Vattenfall will be likely to enter it into the next CfD, in pursuit of a contract, in March 2023. The SoS’s decision was of course a cruel blow. The quashing of the original consent by the High Court last February bought time for improved government planning – time which has been in many ways squandered, or that planning deliberately delayed. The final re-determination would appear to have been a largely cynical exercise. The SoS’s Decision Letter (attached below) is now more carefully crafted and thickly laced with lip service being paid to “serious consideration” of the adverse impacts on communities and the environment, before *once again brushing those impacts aside*, citing in the crudest terms the overriding need for renewable energy. Full stop. The letter is simply an attempt to provide more watertight protection against a legal challenge to the SoS’s decision.

3. **Hornsea Three:** Orsted has suddenly submitted an application to South Norfolk Council (as the local planning authority) for a very large Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to store some of the surplus energy from H3 and discharge it later into the grid. This presents a massive visual impact, but also *safety*, issue for those living around the Norwich Main substation site and local parishes rightly contend that this should have been part of the original DCO application by Orsted, as it is an undeniable cumulative impact of that project. Orsted also appears to be starting pre-construction works, submitting reserved matters to Local Planning Authorities (LPAs). These are unresolved remaining issues in the planning conditions. **We recommend that PCs proactively contact their LPA** and request liaison on these matters. Many of the final construction details that will most affect communities on

the ground will be decided **at this stage** and vigilance is absolutely essential. Orsted will also be awaiting the result of the CfD to see what they have been granted in the way of a contract and strike price.

4. **SEP/DEP:** Equinor *has not yet submitted this project to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process*, but is about to do so. They are busy finalising the details of their application for a DCO, which they say will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) most probably in June of this year. Equinor has already met in recent weeks with several individual Parish Councils along the cable route. If you wish to engage them in a bespoke discussion, then request a meeting. Be aware however of the shocking track record of all these developers in saying what individual parishes might want to hear, and their predilection for divide and rule. And don't forget to bring the discussion round quickly to exactly what is preventing them from reacting responsibly to the OTN Review and requesting from National Grid *right now* a better point of connection to the grid. They could for instance use a marine export cable and make landfall to connect at the Walpole substation near King's Lynn. They have also recently announced an imminent programme of final public information days in 4 venues over one week: 07 March - 2pm to 7pm at Aylsham Town Hall NR11 6EL; 08 March – 1pm to 6pm at Hall for All, Weston Longville NR9 5JP; 09 March – 1pm to 6pm at Swardeston Village Hall NR14 8DL; 10 March - 11am to 4pm at Sheringham Museum, Lifeboat Plain NR26 8BG. **Please attend if you can, and question the developer rigorously.**
5. **The Offshore Transmission Network Review:** the latest OTNR update was hosted by the Dept. for BEIS by webinar on 31st January 2022. The slides can be viewed on the government's website at this [Link](#) (scroll down to 'Events'). We already had to absorb before Christmas the disheartening news that the long-awaited publication of the Holistic Network Design (of the OTN) was to be delayed from January until May this year – but we now learned of further slippage until June. This sort of delay is not helpful to our cause. Emily Bourne, Director, then said that as a result of a meeting in Suffolk with Therese Coffey MP, campaign group SEAS and others: *"it was clear ... that the meaningful change this Review needs to deliver ahead of 2030 through its Pathfinder Projects must not just look at where infrastructure can be coordinated and shared connections taken forward but also seek to ensure that any shared connections that do come forward do so in **the most appropriate place.**"* She then proceeded to announce the setting up of an East Anglian Coordination Programme to explore more ambitious coordination and changes in East Anglia. This sounded encouraging, but subsequently – and predictably? – the first meeting of this 'programme' went ahead on 14th February with only BEIS, Ofgem and RenewableUK in attendance, and without a single representative of any community or environmental group present. I wrote to Jerome Mayhew MP, in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the OffSET group of MPs established to scrutinise the work of the OTNR, to ask for his impression of the January OTNR webinar. He replied in the following terms: *"...I am not sure that we have learned a great deal more than we already knew as a result of it. I think that the focus of attention should be to increase the political pressure to accelerate the timescales associated with the OTNR. It feels as*

though the system is relaxing into a comfort zone of process rather than outcomes.”
Sadly, many attendees had formed a very similar impression.

6. **The Contract for Difference (CfD) auction** opened on 13th Dec. 2021. This is the mechanism by which the government allocates contracts to renewable energy developers, including financial support (subsidy) generated from the ‘green tax’ that is included in all consumers’ electricity bills. Eligible projects, which have *already received planning consent*, submit sealed bids and are competing against each other for contracts. It is believed that, in the case of Norfolk, only Hornsea Three and Norfolk Boreas will have been eligible to apply. The closing date for the CfD was 14th January 2022 and the decisions will probably be announced in July 2022. It is only the allocation of such a contract that triggers enough certainty for the developers to finally make a Financial Investment Decision and proceed to initiate the construction phase of their projects.

Summary

Let us be clear and realistic – *as things currently stand*, we appear to have won the argument (an OTN will indeed be designed and implemented in the near future) but the future of Norfolk still hangs in the balance.

The environment and communities of Norfolk are being sacrificed for the sake of an arbitrary, sound bite target of “40 gigawatts by 2030”.

BUT the permanent isolation of these first three big wind farms from the OTN, by point-to-point grid connections, is **irresponsibly inefficient** and only serves the interests of a government seeking popular support, and of the developers seeking a fractionally speedier access to profits, at the consumers’ permanent expense. More haste, less speed.

How to manage most efficiently this unprecedented energy transition from fossil fuels to renewables is a highly complex, engineering-based process requiring from politicians the time and effort to understand it. Tragically, the response so far has been ill-informed and superficial.

The intention of the crude target of ‘40 by 30’ has been simply to cover over the tracks of National Grid plc’s inertia and the government’s short-termism over the past 10 years, and transform them instead into a glamorous and progressive-sounding goal.

Meanwhile, the planet heats.

We should not forget that the emergence of the Norfolk Parish Movement over the past three years has undeniably put enormous pressure on the situation. Our existence and sustained activity have raised the profile of the onshore impacts both regionally and at Westminster, galvanised our MPs, affected the developers’ plans in many ways, and hastened the creation of the OTN Review by BEIS.

In supporting a successful Judicial Review on Vanguard, we had hoped to improve decision-making at government level and buy the time for that to take place. Sadly, it appears that for the moment at least this has mainly achieved a sharpening of pencils in the legal

department at BEIS. Instead of improving the substance of their decisions, BEIS have merely tried to ensure that their continuing bad decisions will be more difficult to challenge on a point of law in the High Court.

This is a terrible example of poor leadership in the face of an urgent crisis.

As a very large group of Parish and Town Councils, we must now ride two horses. **We must support those parishes who will be most grossly affected**, as they continue their work of damage limitation if these three early projects go ahead as consented – but we must also continue to let our democratic representatives at every level know *just how strongly we feel* that the current situation is unacceptable. **We should do this both collectively and individually, writing to our District and County Councillors and also to our MPs. We should also write strong letters to our District Council *Planning Departments*, requesting active liaison with the parishes and information as to how they are going to represent your interests as they handle the reserved matters (planning conditions) for all three projects, which will now be presented to them as the Local Planning Authority. Similar letters should go to Norfolk County Council Highways, requesting information on how they are going to deal with the transport and traffic issues.**

If your PC does write such letters, it would be extremely helpful if you could let me know.

Until the way forward becomes clearer, we must remain steady in our resolve, and ready to seize any opportunity to increase political pressure on the situation, to bring forward much faster the design and implementation of a *fully efficient* OTN.

Our heads are bloody, but unbowed.

Onwards!

With best wishes,

Alison (Shaw)

Oulton parish councillor
pp The Norfolk Parish Movement for an OTN

6th March 2022

Report from Councillor John Ward

Broadland District Council

On 24.2.22 Broadland District Council set its budget for 2022/3. There will be a Zero increase in Council Tax and in fact there is a £237k surplus which is going into the Accommodation (New joint offices for BDC & SNDC) reserve.

The Housing Support Fund is still open to support vulnerable families and individuals facing financial pressure over the winter period. To date the fund has supported more than 380 households in BDC & SNDC areas since November, issuing £114k in grant funding.

Residents living in properties with no central heating or that are poorly insulated or expensive to heat and are claiming benefits or have an annual income of less than £30k, can apply for grants of up to £5k.
Details at norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk

Norfolk County Council

The Council has committed £160k over the next 2 years to fund two posts in the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, dedicated to improving the link between County Council and Town & Parish Councils.

Recruitment for this year's Teaching Museum cohort is now complete. From 262 applications, 4 strong candidates were appointed to take up posts in Norwich Castle & Thetford and Kings Lynn Museums.

The Norwich Western Link's design is being refined to minimise the impact on woodland where a roost of protected barbastelle bats has been identified. Further details on timescales and costs will be provided in June.

COUNCIL MEETING – 16 March 2022

Report of the Town Clerk

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Council Chamber – Temporary Storage and distribution for Ukraine Appeal

Community volunteers have organised collection of donations of essential items for Ukrainian refugees.

I have permitted to the Council Chamber to be used for temporary storage, sorting and distribution of donations.

1.2 Community Planting Event - Sprowston Diamond Field (Corner of School Lane and Neville Road), Saturday 19th March 2022

Town Councils' application to the Broadland District Council Tree Fund has been successful. Council has subsequently been awarded a grant of £500 towards our project of planting 270 hedging plants along the School Lane boundary of the Sprowston Diamond field.

A free community planting event has been organised for Saturday 19th March, run by Cllr D Coleman, supported by Cllr J Leggett and myself. For more details, see poster at attachment 6.1

One more Councillor volunteer for the morning session would bring the 'staffing' of the event up to an ideal level. **I would therefore be grateful to hear from any Councillor who may be able to spare a few hours from 8.45am to 12pm on Sat 19th March (must have own wellies!).**

1.3 Verge Rewilding ("No mow") Trial Scheme - Cozens-Hardy Road and Colindeep Lane

Eight applications have been received and approved by myself and Norfolk County Council. Two further applications are pending approval.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters to report

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters to report

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils - Town and Parish Council Forum

On Monday 7th March I attended a remote meeting of the South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils Town and Parish Council Forum. Key items discussed, as part of the government's 'Levelling up' agenda, were the possibility of a directly elected mayor or other directly elected leader for Norfolk, and a greater role for Town and Parish Councils (see attachment 6.2 SNBDC Town and Parish Forum Presentation). Further details are to follow in due course.

4.2 Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme Bronze Award and Recruitment of a New Member of Ground Staff on a Fixed Term Contract

Our application for the Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme Bronze Award, which Cllr G Tingle submitted on behalf of Town Council, has been approved. The certificate is expected shortly.

The award will be highlighted when we advertise to fill the vacant post in our grounds team. In the first instance I shall look to recruit a groundsman on a fixed term contract for the summer and autumn months.

4.3 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting - Thurs 2nd June 2022

Two or three Councillor volunteers are needed from 8pm to 10.30pm to help run this event at St Mary and St Margaret's Church.

Volunteers would assist with site set-up, running a refreshment stand, marshalling, site take-down and litter picking. **I should be grateful to hear from any Councillors able to volunteer on the date and time above.**

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Sprowston Youth Engagement (SYEP) – Urban Garden Planning Application

The planning application for SYEP's Urban Garden, adjacent to Council's Church Lane allotments, has now progressed to planning consultation stage. The application is on this meeting's agenda, for Council's comment, under the heading "Land east Church Lane - planning ref 20212284".

ATTACHMENTS

6.1 Poster for Community Planting Event 19/03/2022

6.2 SNBDC Town and Parish Forum Presentation 07/03/2022



Guy Ranaweera
Town Clerk

Attachment 6.1 – Poster for Sprowston Town Council Community Planting Event 19/03/2022



The poster features a photograph of a man and a young boy planting a small tree in a grassy field. The man is wearing a light brown shirt and blue jeans, and the boy is wearing a blue shirt and red shoes. They are both wearing white gloves. The background shows a line of trees and a grassy area.

Sprowston Town Council

Community Planting Event

**Saturday
19 March
9-4pm**

The Diamond Field, NR7 8TR (corner of School Lane & Neville Road)

Pre booking essential: <https://stcplanting.eventbrite.co.uk>
or call 01603 408063



What is Levelling Up?



To level up is to reduce inequality between places while improving outcomes in all places.

Governments 12 Missions



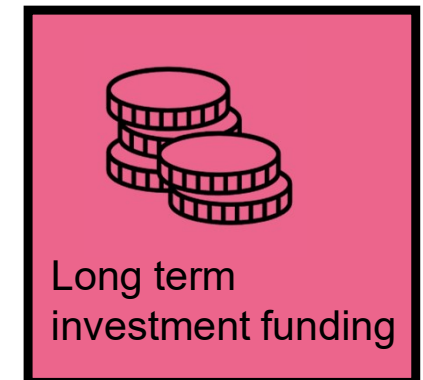
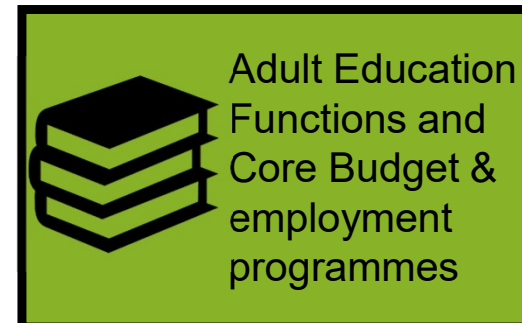
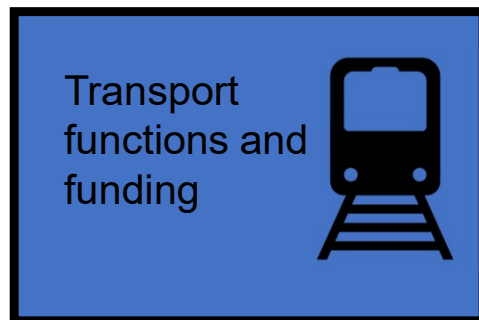
How will Levelling Up be Achieved?

Delivery of the 12 missions and devolution of powers, will be achieved through focusing on:

- **Leadership,**
- **Geographic Boundaries,**
- **Flexibility, and**
- **Accountability.**

There are currently three levels of devolution, the most devolved would result in a **single institution** or county council with a **directly elected leader** over either a functional economic area or county council.

Examples of Devolved Powers:



What does this Mean for Town and Parish Councils?

1 Formation

Parish and town councils in England should become **quicker and easier to establish**



2 Empowerment

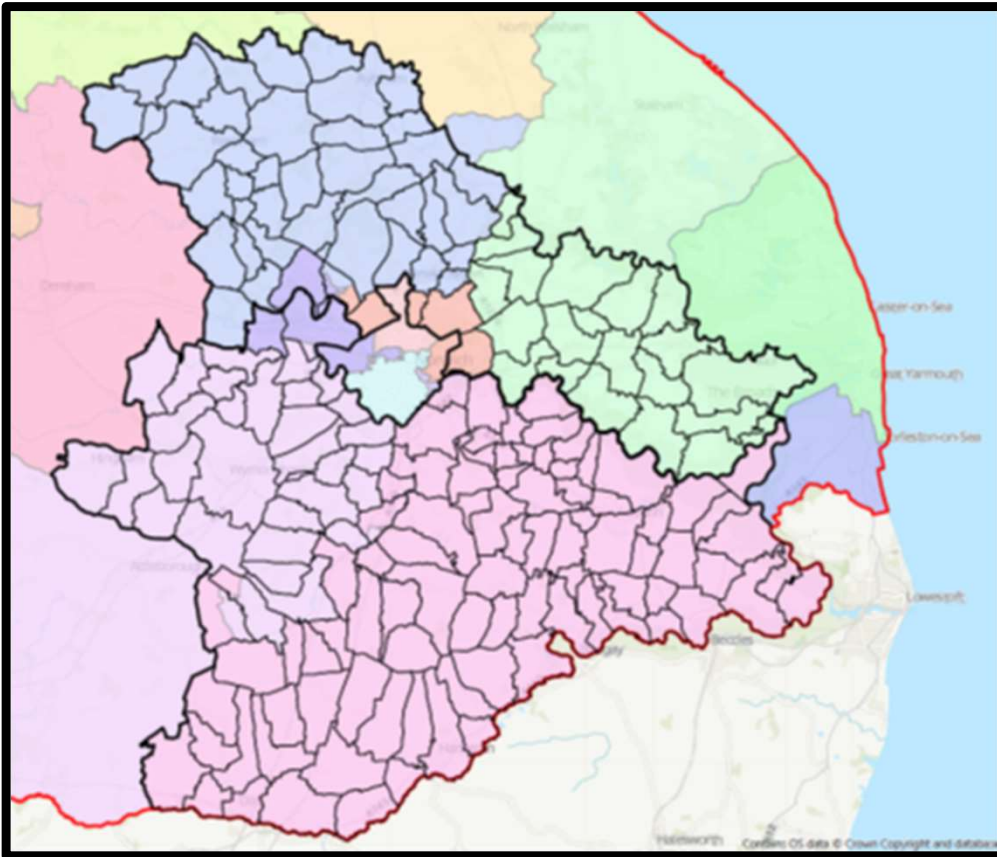
Town and Parish councils are likely to have an increased role in **local service delivery**, setting local **priorities**, and **place shaping**



3 Funding

Town and Parish Councils could have easier access to long term **funding and investment**.

What Does this Mean for Our Local Place?



Map of the Wards and Parishes within South Norfolk and Broadland Districts.

1 Local Delivery

Future delivery will be supported by a strong **local** structure around **place** and **neighbourhoods**

2 Local Decisions

Community partnerships will allow for **better local services** and for local people to have a more **direct impact** on decision making

3 Local Collaboration

District Councils, Town Councils and Parish Councils will work together, redefining their relationship while sharing knowledge and expertise to maximise **local engagement, empowerment** and **successful delivery**.