

SHX District Councillor Report 28th February 2024

Grants

Members ward grants close on 1st March. Your District Councillors have allocated their contributions for this period. The 24/25 period will commence from April 24.

Council Tax and Budget 24/25

South Norfolk voted to increase Council Tax by £5 for a Band D property (3%) at SNC Council on Wednesday 21st Feb. Budgets for 24/25 were signed off on the same day. Higher interest rates and VAT changes have created a surplus for 23/24. All political parties agreed late amendments to allocate the surplus to service improvements including £350,000 to the Household Support, strengthening planning enforcement and additional resources to work with landowners on flood prevention.

Flooding on B1113

District Councillors are still active in attempting to resolve this. The area was visited again over the weekend of 17th/18th Feb when conditions throughout the entire area were particularly bad. As this appears to be primarily the responsibility of Highways, your County Councillor, Daniel Elmer and County Councillor Graham Plant, the cabinet lead for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, have been contacted. There has been no substantive response. While Highways appear to concentrate on “mopping up” issues, we are concerned that there is no long-term solution in sight and meanwhile the existing infrastructure is at risk.

Greater Norwich Local Plan

The Inspector’s Report on the Plan (excluding the village clusters) is now available and is expected to be approved by an extraordinary meeting of South Norfolk Council on 25th March.

PSPO (Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour)

The PSPO on vehicle related anti-social behaviour was finally approved by Council at its 21 February meeting. The PSPO will come into force on 4th April.

Hornsea 3 Community Fund

This has now opened. Grants from **£500 up to £75,000** are available. To check eligibility and for further information visit www.grantscape.org.uk

World Cafes

The South Norfolk & Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership brings together a wide range of bodies with an interest in health and wellbeing. Two world café events are planned for March in Diss and Reepham. These events will provide residents an opportunity to meet in an informal setting to discuss key health topics with a particular focus on prevention and health inequalities. Parish Councils are encouraged to promote and attend these events. Further information can be provided.

‘Norwich to Tilbury’ Update

The formal consultation for this project is planned to start soon. For further information visit <https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk>

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