

Minutes of an Annual Parish Council Meeting of Poringland Parish Council

Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7pm

Meeting held at Poringland Community Centre

In Attendance: John Joyce (Chair), Ken Aldridge, Tim Boucher Sean Curtis, John Henson, David Hwer, Chris Walker

Also in Attendance: Charlotte Hummel (Clerk), Lisa Callow (Assistant Clerk), NCC Vic Thomson (arrived late), SNDC Trevor Spruce (arrived late), 1 member of the public.

1. Election of a Parish Council Chair for the Forthcoming Year

J Joyce was nominated by J Henson, seconded by D Hwer. All in favour. No other nominations were made. J Joyce accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of a Parish Council Vice Chair for the Forthcoming Year

T Boucher was nominated by J Henson, Seconded by C Walker. All in favour. No other nominations were made. T Boucher accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. To Record Apologies for Absence

Apologies were **ACCEPTED** from L Neal, J Overton, C Pitelen.

SNDC Trevor Spruce and NCC Vic Thomson gave apologies but hoped to be able to attend later.

4. To Receive Declarations of Interest

S Curtis Item 8 a (i).

5. Minutes of the Meeting of 13th April 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th 2022 were **AGREED** with minor changes.

6. Matters Arising from the Meeting of 13th April 2022, including Clerk's Report

The clerks report had been distributed prior to the meeting to councillors. This included the following updates:

- **Parish Partnership.** The Parish Partnership signed agreement form has been returned to Norfolk County Council and Poringland Parish Council's share of the project has been paid. **Ongoing**
- **Internal Audit.** The Internal Auditor has been contacted regarding the second internal audit for the completion of the AGAR – this will be brought to Council's attention for the June Parish Council meeting. **Ongoing**
- **Notice Board at the Memorial Garden.** The noticeboard has been delivered and is currently in storage, prices for installation will be obtained in due course. **Ongoing**
- **New Gates at the Community Land.** Signage has been attached to the gates advising parishioners that this land is now the responsibility of Poringland Parish Council. **Closed**
- **Mulberry Play Area Repairs.** The swings have now been removed and quotations are being sought for a replacement. **Ongoing**
- **Gritting Route Request.** The Assistant Clerk has sent a request to Norfolk County Council asking them to consider including Rectory Lane/Upgate/Hall Road on the gritting route, and is awaiting a response. **Ongoing**

S Curtis asked why a resident had been informed that a tree cutting had not been taken place due to budget restrictions. The clerk advised that this was not the case and that council would ensure that this is carried out after the nesting season. This would likely be September 2022.

7. Adjournment for Public Participation, County and District Council Reports, and Councillors with any Pecuniary Interests

- a) District Council Report. Deferred as SNDC T Spruce will be late.

- b) County Council Report. Deferred as NCC V Thomson will be late.
- c) Public Participation (15 minutes) - NONE

8.Planning

a) To Consider Applications Received

- i) 2022/0603 - Proposal: Single storey front extension to dwelling. Location: 29 Howe Lane Poringland Norfolk NR14 7LH
K Aldridge had visited the property and councillors looked at the plans provided. Number 27 has already had the same style extension. It was **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** the application.

b) To Note Planning Decisions

- i) 2022/0416 – Proposal: Erection of Front Porch. Location: 7 Hardesty Close, Poringland, Norfolk NR14 7RL – **APPROVED** with Conditions.
- ii) 2022/0532 – Proposal: Single Storey Front Extension. Location: 55 Cawstons Meadow, Poringland, Norfolk NR14 7SX **APPROVED** with Conditions.
- iii) 2022/0534 – Proposal: Erection of Detached bungalow and garage. (resubmission of 2021/2796). Location: Land adjacent to 14 Old Mill Road, Poringland, Norfolk. **WITHDRAWN**
- iv) 2022/0542 – Proposal: Single Storey rear extension and associated works. Location: 9 Cromes Oak Close, Poringland NR14 7JY. **APPROVED** with Conditions.

- c) The implications of Natural England’s advice for development proposals with the potential to affect water quality resulting in adverse nutrient impacts were discussed

J Henson spoke regarding the nutrient infiltration impact on Poringland. Currently Natural England has focused on the Broad and the River Waveney which means the areas of concern within Norfolk stops near the Boundary of Poringland. Poringland drains into River Chet and Yare which as yet has not been flagged as areas of concern. The implications mean that areas of South Norfolk, Broadland and Norwich that are not included could end up with additional pressure for housing. T Boucher suggested that getting justification could this lead to the area being extended and then could block planning in a wider area of South Norfolk. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to Natural England regarding the boundary lines.

9. Finance

- a) To Receive Receipts, Payments and Bank Reconciliation for March 2022 – Clerk advised that due to the end of year not being closed down yet that no bank reconciliation could be given at this meeting.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i. Additional payments made in April 2022 relating to meeting held on 13th April 2022 were ratified and **APPROVED**.
- ii. The following Payment list that had be circulated prior was **APPROVED**
- iii. The Additional Payments List provided was **AGREED**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid by BACS</u>	<u>NET TOTAL</u>	<u>GROSS TOTAL</u>	<u>VAT Reclaimable</u>
April '22 Staff costs, PAYE and Pension Contributions	-	-	£13,598.16	£13,598.16	£13,598.16	
Scott Ranev	Burial Ground	Grounds Maintenance	£2,250.00	£2,250.00	£2,250.00	
BT	General Administration	Landline, Broadband & Mobiles		£105.96	£127.15	£21.19
BT	General Administration	Mobiles - Feb '22		£66.30	£79.56	£13.26

BT	General Administration	Mobiles - March '22		£66.00	£79.20	£13.20
Greenbarnes Ltd	CIL	Noticeboard	£1,827.78	£1,827.78	£2,193.34	£365.56
Amazon For Business	General Administration	Stationery/Doorbell/ Mouse	£29.93	£29.93	£35.92	£5.99
Spruce Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery	£455.83	£455.83	£547.00	£91.17
Spruce Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance	Potters Way	£150.00	£150.00	£180.00	£30.00
Spruce Landscapes	Community Land	Post & Rail Supplies	£149.27	£149.27	£179.12	£29.85
Lisa Gooderham	General Administration	Expenses - Mileage	£33.75	£33.75	£33.75	
Microshade	General Administration	Hosted IT	£286.75	£286.75	£344.10	£57.35
Norfolk Copiers	General Administration	Printing	£143.97	£143.97	£172.76	£28.79
BT	General Administration	Landline, Broadband & Mobiles	£112.87	£112.87	£135.44	£22.57
BT	General Administration	Mobiles	£66.00	£66.00	£79.20	£13.20
Total Gas & Power	Community Centre	Heat & Light	£854.65	£854.65	£1,025.58	£170.93
Norfolk County Council	Misc Income Error	Payment made to PPC by NCC in error	£400.25	£400.25	£400.25	
Poringland Men's Shed	Mulberry Close	Repair to Play Equipment	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	
Barlett Signs	Community Land	Gate Signs	£84.00	£84.00	£100.80	£16.80
Leathes Prior Solicitors	Pavilion	Men's Shed Lease	£1,372.00	£1,372.00	£1,646.40	£274.40
Oaks CCTV	Community Centre	Software Update	£155.00	£155.00	£186.00	£31.00
First Aid & Care Training Ltd	Community Centre	Event Expenditure - Jubilee	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	
Citrus Shredding	General Administration	Expenses - Mileage	£360.00	£360.00	£432.00	£72.00
Yare	Community Centre	Café Expenditure	£218.97	£218.97	£221.25	£2.28
Amazon For Business	Community Centre	Café Order Pads & Jubilee Decorations	£54.31	£54.31	£65.15	£10.84
ESPO	Community Centre	Gas	£180.61	£180.61	£216.73	£36.12
Garden Guardian	Commuted Sums / C.Centre	Grounds Maintenance	£398.33	£398.33	£478.00	£79.67
Veolia	Community Centre / Cemetery	Waste Removal	£86.59	£86.59	£103.91	£17.32
Unity Bank	Multipay	Credit Card	£472.26	£472.26	£519.13	£46.87
Unity Bank	General Admin	Bank Charges	£33.30	£33.30	£33.30	
Total				£24,162.84	£25,613.20	£1,450.36

c) A quotation had been received from N&G Heating for work to be undertaken at the Pavilion and the Community Centre. **QUOTE CONFIRMED.** AP Clerk to contact N&G Heating to confirm.

10. Appoint the new Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer and Data Protection Officer

It was **CONFIRMED** that the appointment of Charlotte Hummel as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to PPC. Proposed J Joyce, seconded J Henson. **AGREED**

11. To Agree the quotation received for the Community Centre Office Conversion

T Boucher explained that the only quote received for the conversion was through an email rather than a breakdown of the costs. T Boucher has asked for the breakdown. It was proposed by J Joyce, seconded J Henson that a budget of £12,000 be given and T Boucher and the clerk can get better clarification on the only quotation received. Proposed **AGREED**. It was noted on the email that 30% has been asked for upfront. PPC would have some security that if they paid this that items such as materials are left on site. AP T Boucher and the Clerk would get better clarification of the work to be carried out.

12. To Review and Agree the Community Centre Kitchen Upgrade Quotations.

The original quotations supplied had not been with the same specifications so it had made it difficult to gauge what was value for money. Further quotes had been obtained with but a lower spec to the original quotes. There were concerns that going with a lower specification could mean further work would be required in a few years. It was **AGREED** that the clerk will get a firm specification with the advice of T Boucher and S Curtis. This will be sent round to all contractors who have supplied a quote already. The clerk will also contact the grant funders to ascertain what they require from the parish council once the kitchen is complete.

Discussion was had regarding the profit and loss figures generated by the kitchen. S Curtis said that he had asked for these figures and had not received any. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the figures had been generated for him and that she would forward them on. The concern raised was if having the café open and it not being profitable then should it continue. J Joyce said that the café not only should be thought of as a profit making venture but also that council need to consider that the café provides a sense of community and a lifeline to people to who might otherwise be experiencing isolation at home.

13. To Receive Correspondence from a Parishioner regarding the football goals at Victory Avenue Play Area

Following discussions, it was confirmed that higher fences are not suitable for this area so that football can be played on the space. J Henson pointed out that PPC had already agreed that they did not want the nets kept on the park as it was encouraging children to play football here rather than on Mulberry Park. The existing fencing is 1.2 metres and more than adequate for the space. **AP** The clerk will send a further email to the resident who has provided the nets to advise that if they are not moved after their children have played that PPC will remove them and store them.

NCC V Thomson and SNDC T Spruce arrived at 8.15pm

Standing Orders were suspended. To accept reports from County Councillor V Thomson and District Councillor T Spruce. Item 14 will also have standing orders suspended.

NCC V Thomson – Appendix 1. V Thomson also included information about Covid Figures and returning to work. County Councillors Highway funds have been renewed. Parish Partnership is also due to reopen. Electric Buses introducing soon. Recycling centre is now fully open. Road side verges will be limited to one cut a year. County Council will be looking at extending verge cuttings to allow for wildlife and pollinators. Natural England – how they justified the boundary. The letter was sent out and it covers the Broad and the Waveney Valley. They have not considered the River Chett and Yare at present. Electric charging points have been agreed to fund a number of locations. 2 have been assigned to Poringland and the Parish Hall.

SNDC T Spruce – Gave information that SNDC and BDC are moving to what was the Aviva building in Norwich. By doing this move there is a projected saving of £700,000

Community action fund will now be tripled. SNDC is looking at front funding councils with regard to the CIL money. This would mean that SNDC could give money upfront to councils for projects and this is paid back as the relevant CIL is delivered.

14. To Approve Replacement of a Flood Light Mast with a Wi-Fi Mast on the Men Shed Site

A request has been made to PPC to erect a free Wi-Fi mast that would be a maximum height 15 metres and replace an old floodlight. A wayleave agreement would need to be sought but this would be free of charge. Men's Shed representative Peter Stuart explained that radiation would be low, however it was raised that potentially the school might be concerned by the mast. PPC asked that the school is approached and to also ensure that residents would be happy with the installation of mast. **AP** P Stuart to liaise with J Overton over this matter and come back to council.

15. To Receive an Update regarding the handover of play equipment at Clements Gate from Barratt / David Wilson Homes

The Clerk and D Hewer had a site meeting with Barratt/David Wilson Homes on 28th April. The clerk had raised a number of concerns regarding the matting that was lifting and moving as well as the smaller play park with issues of the gate and stones that were over the site. The clerk advised that a number of issues would need to be rectified prior to PPC taking the equipment on as a responsibility. The clerk would also need to find out the value of the commuted sum they would be provided with to ensure the maintenance of the equipment. **AP** Clerk to continue to liaise with Barrett/David Wilson Homes.

16. To Receive Updates and Consider Recommendations from Advisory Groups

- a) Jubilee Working Group – minutes and actions were distributed.
- b) D Hewer, C Walker, J Joyce, T Boucher, S Curtis are able to volunteer at the event. It was **CONFIRMED** that no raffle will take place.
AP S Curtis will look at getting the padlocks off the access bollards to Mulberry Field. S Curtis has cleaned the oil drums out and sent to Framingham Earl High School for the art group to graffitii for the event.

17. To Receive Proposal to Close the Meeting for Items 18 Under Section 1 Para 2 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as it refers to Terms and Conditions of Service of Employment

Proposed J Joyce, Seconded J Henson **AGREED**

18. To Receive an HR Update

It was confirmed that the interim clerk J Miller had been written to give the relevant notice following the appoint of the new clerk. J Joyce will send a letter of thanks also.

19. To Agree Date and Time of Next Parish Council Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 25th May 2022, 7pm at Poringland Community Centre

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st June 2022, 7pm at Poringland Community Centre unless otherwise advised

Meeting closed 9.12pm

CHAIRMAN

Broadband update

Procurement for National Build complete, waiting to see whom Fram contract granted.

Hundreds of free activities available for children and young people this Easter

Bookings are now open for [The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun](#), a program of free activities that will run over the Easter holidays for 5–16-year-olds across Norfolk. The scheme is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) program and is being delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

After the success of HAF over the Christmas break and some brilliant feedback from parents, it's returning from 4 April though till 19 April with free activities for children eligible for means-tested free school meals. There'll be a fantastic range of activities taking place including outdoor adventure sports, dance and drama and circus skills across the county. With so many activities on offer, children will have an excellent range of ventures to take part in and may even discover a new passion.

£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the [Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund](#) were announced. Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000.

We are calling on those eligible to consider coming forward for a world-first trial to find antiviral medicines to treat people with COVID-19. The study is home-based and lasts for only 5 days. Visit <http://panoramictrial.org> for more information. Help us save lives together.

Great news... You can now recycle empty crisp packets (and other plastic bags and wrapping) at local supermarkets. Let's all do the right thing. Find your nearest participating supermarket <http://ow.ly/RNsC50lwSYx> [#NoTimeToWaste](#) [#ImprovingTheEnvironment](#) [#RepeatTheCycle](#)



These are just some of the gas canisters that have been removed from Norfolk's recycle bins. It's very dangerous to put gas canisters in your bin as they could cause an explosion. Make sure you take empty canisters to your nearest recycling centre instead <http://ow.ly/ILyn50lp5Te>



Are you looking to host a Ukrainian refugee or family? Want to understand more about the process and what's involved? Join our online information session at 7pm on Monday 28 March. Please join on Zoom here: <http://ow.ly/9mIj50lqv9W>. Passcode: 283100. [#SupportingCommunities](#)

We are working with other local government partners to support residents to host refugees fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine. Read more about how you can make a difference via donations or support <http://ow.ly/cLxf50lorjf> [#empoweringcommunities](#) [#supportingindividuals](#)

Young Carers Support



The Semi-Independency living Home is doing great

Green city centres

A successful bid by Norfolk County Council has seen Norwich become one of only three cities in the country to secure £500,000 Zero Emission Transport City (ZETC) development funding from the government.

The Department for Transport funding will allow a detailed study to be carried out this year which will explore, alongside residents, businesses and transport operators, the benefits and impacts that a zero emission zone in the city centre could bring and how it could be established.

The work will also consider what support would be needed to make any zero emission zone work for all who live, work and do business in the area, and would build on plans already underway that are hoped will start to bring zero emission buses to the city.

Cllr Martin Wilby, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, said: "We're very pleased to be selected as this innovative pilot programme aims to demonstrate practical ways to decarbonise transport systems in city centres. A zero emission zone would link in well with our forward looking Transport for Norwich Strategy, and wider Norfolk Local Transport Plan, which aim to cut carbon, reduce congestion, improve air quality, and build on some of the great work to boost our cycling and public transport network."

Norwich already has a network of streets in the city centre where access is restricted to general traffic, several of which allow no vehicles at all. This network of restricted access city centre streets provides the ideal foundation to deliver a new zero emission zone for Norwich.

The work with local businesses and residents will involve the production of a detailed business case over the summer, which will set out how a ZETC would be established. This development process will include advice from the Department for Transport's analytical, finance, and economic experts.

Norfolk County Council adopted its fourth Local Transport Plan Strategy in 2021. This covers the longer-term until 2036 and was developed taking available evidence into account and was the subject of consultation and appropriate appraisal and assessments. More information can be found [here](#).

This Implementation Plan has been developed following adoption of the Local Transport Plan Strategy. When this Implementation Plan is adopted, it – together with the strategy – will form the local transport plan for the county (referred to here as LTP4) and will replace the previous local transport plan (LTP3).

[Electric Buses](#), working to be carbon neutral by 2030

In a major boost to Norfolk's ambitions to run a net zero transport system £3.2million in funding has been secured to introduce 15 electric buses to the network in Norwich.

Norfolk County Council has secured the funding after a joint bid with First Bus was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) for funding from the 'Zero Emission Bus Regional Access' (ZEBRA) scheme.

This bid is matched by £3.6m of local investment from First Bus and will deliver 15 battery electric buses which will be in operation by March 2024.

Tom McCabe, Norfolk County Council's Director of Community and Environmental Services, said: "It is fantastic news that we have received the £3.2m funding from the Department for Transport Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme. This funding will allow us to work closely with First to replace 15 single decker buses with electric single decker vehicles. The new vehicles will operate on existing bus routes which operate through the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in Norwich City Centre and will help us to reduce carbon emissions by an estimated 600 tonnes a year. This will be a huge step in our commitment to improve air quality in the Greater Norwich area in our journey towards a Net Zero transport system."

Steve Wickers, Managing Director at First Norfolk & Suffolk said: "As leaders in sustainable mobility, we are fully aligned with the Government's ambitions for a net-zero carbon transport system, including zero-emission bus fleets. We are pleased to receive the outcome of the ZEBRA funding application for Norfolk and the confirmation that funding has been secured to introduce 15 new electric buses into our local fleet.

"We will continue to work closely with Norfolk County Council to deliver bus priority for customers in Norwich and progress the decarbonisation of our bus fleets across the region. More widely, our work with central and local Government across the UK continues to support the delivery of our national decarbonisation ambitions and commitments."

The new vehicles will operate on four existing bus routes, all of which operate through the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Norwich City Centre. The routes are:

- Green Line: Bus routes 15 / 15A / 15B
- Yellow Line: Bus route 29
- Purple Line: Bus route 39
- Charcoal Line: Bus routes 40 / 40A

The news comes just days after Norfolk County Council also secured £500,000 Zero Emission Transport City (ZETC) development funding from the government which will allow a detailed study to be carried out this year to explore the benefits and impacts that a zero-emission zone in the city centre could bring and how it could be established.

People will get their chance over the coming weeks to take a look at, and have their say on, a set of proposed actions that are designed to address key transport challenges over the next 14 years.

The Norfolk Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is set to drive the county's transport strategy until 2036 and key challenges that the plan seeks to address include carbon reduction and air quality.

Since the overall LTP4 strategy was adopted last year officers have been working to develop this implementation plan to achieve a number of goals, including net zero carbon.

Clr Martin Wilby, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, said: "We want a low carbon, well-connected transport network in Norfolk. I'd urge people to take a look at the proposals and fill in the survey to let us know what you think as this will help shape the final version of the plan before it goes to councillors to decide upon."

The comprehensive plan also pulls together a wide range of forward looking schemes that can be delivered by the county council, including some already underway – such as the electric vehicle strategy which is set to boost the number of charging points across the county, and the popular Beryl Bikes and e-scooter trial in Norwich which already has 43,500 registered users.

Norfolk's ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan is also part of the LTP4 and aims to simplify ticketing and journey information, cut fares for under 25s, bring in cleaner and greener buses, improve accessibility and bus stops, and make better and more frequent links between the places people live, work and shop.

Key to achieving a number of the aims in the plan will be working in partnership with local and national bodies to achieve much needed rail improvements and better local and regional connections.

The plan details proposals around seven key objectives:

- Embracing the Future: emphasis is on the need to adapt to and use new technology to achieve better outcomes
- Delivering a Sustainable Norfolk: working in partnership with others to help shape the county's development plans and proposals
- Enhancing Connectivity: providing better, faster and more reliable journeys in a way that puts transport firmly onto a net zero carbon trajectory
- Enhancing Norfolk's Quality of Life: carbon reduction, air quality improvement, conserving and enhancing Norfolk's built and historic environments
- Increasing Accessibility: working in partnership to plan and deliver
- Improving Transport Safety: using the Safe Systems approach to reduce casualties
- A Well Managed and Maintained Transport Network: a focussed approach to maintenance and network management

The consultation runs from 21 March to 2 May.

[Local Transport Plan 4, Implementation Plan - Norfolk County Council - Citizen Space](#)

[Local Transport Implementation Plan \(citizenspace.com\)](#)

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I have sent Clerk invite to get the newsletter for this project. This will be quickest way to order in future

[Norfolk Fire Service](#)



[Recycle and Reuse](#)

We're excited that Norwich South recycling shop officially opened its doors today!

It's at the Norwich South recycling centre and is set to save 100 tonnes of good quality second-hand items from being thrown away each year – It has also been revealed today that Big C is the new chosen charity which will receive a cut of the proceeds from the reuse shops.

Come along and browse, or donate, and find a bargain!

For more information on reuse shops, and to find the location and opening times of this, and all Norfolk's reuse shops, visit: <https://orlo.uk/vgtqU>

Norfolk's Recycling Centres sprung in to their summer opening hours from 01 April, centres are now open 9am - 5pm.

Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July.

Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.

Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found.

A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care.

In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences.

Ofsted's visit follows a [similar focused visit in 2019](#), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk

More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development.

A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing.

The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16.

Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found.

Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

Scams

- [Scam Alert – International FIFA World Cup Online Lottery Letters](#)
- [Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold callers regarding solar panels](#)
- [Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'](#)
- [Scam Alert – Royal Mail Parcel Postage Scams](#)
- [Food Alert - The Food Standards Agency issues advice to consumers that some food products labelled as containing sunflower oil may instead contain refined rapeseed oil due to the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine](#)
- [Safety Alert - Morrisons is recalling their 'Morrisons Elements Scented Tin Candles' in variants 'Fire', 'Water', 'Earth' & 'Air' as some may burn in an uncontrolled manner presenting a fire risk](#)
- [Food Alert - Lidl GB is recalling 'Alesto Californian Pistachios Roasted & Salted 200g' with the best before date 04.10.2022 and the batch code LP200N22004 due to the potential presence of Salmonella](#)
- [Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from the 'Post Office'](#)
- [Information Alert – Counterfeit 'Wonka Bars' in circulation](#)
- [Scam Alert – Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges](#)
- [Scam Alert – Scam Callers claiming to be from the Fire Service](#)
- [Information Alert – 'Copycat' websites](#)
- [Scam Alert – Text messages about Monzo bank accounts – 07 April 2022](#)
- [Scam Alert – Free Chocolate Easter Egg Scams – 07 April 2022](#)
- [Scam Alert – HMRC issue reminder to self-assessment users to be Scam Aware – 5 April 2022](#)
- [Scam Alert – Suspicious Texts claiming to be from Energy Providers – 01 April 2022](#)