

Cllr Christopher Cushing – January 2026

Fakenham Lancaster North Ward District Council Report

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Lancaster North ward covers all dwellings in the parish of Fakenham that are east of Wells Road, and north of Highfield Road, Greenway Lane, Pensthorpe Road and the A1067.

1. Speeding in North Fakenham

- Four people have indicated an interest in volunteering for a resident Speed Camera Watch team. There need to be a minimum of six people in a team.
- I will continue to look for additional people to see if we can get a team going. The people I have spoken too may be happy to go a bit further so volunteers in the other parts of the town would be welcome.

2. Swimming Pool Development

- Parking is still an issue at school dropping off and picking up times along the top end of Field Lane, along Rudham Stile Lane and the northern and western entrances to North Park.
- A Traffic Regulation Order has been requested from Highways to put temporary yellow lines along Rudham Stile Lane. Still waiting to hear if this will be done. The next Swimming Pool Steering Group is not until 9th February, so expect to hear more then.
- The Town Council have received complaints that the lorries from the Trap Lane site are damaging the verges on Rudham Stile Lane and spreading mud over the roads. They have asked the NNDC Director responsible for the swimming pool development to contact the contractors to stop this happening.

3. Greenway Lane Bus Stop Signs

- Prompted by a complaint from a resident, I have asked Highways if they can install two bus stops on either side of the road just west of the Lancaster Avenue entrance which I mentioned in my last report. Buses are meant to stop at both, but do not as there are no signs there.
- The next nearest stops are outside Tesco or the Henry IV pub which is some distance away.
- I have escalated this to County Councillor Tom FitzPatrick the engage the local Highways Officer to see what can be done.

4. Hedge, Verge and Road Maintenance Issues

- **Field Lane path near the entrance to Wells Road** – This is worn and dangerous for pedestrians when covered by wet leaves. I reported it to Highways to ask them to resurface this. They have responded to say that resurfacing this is in their long-term plans when budget becomes available.
- **Morrisons Pedestrian Crossing** – There were some overhanging brambles at the side of the hedge which could impede pedestrians. I trimmed these over the Christmas period as I had not received an answer from the Morrisons Community Champion who I had asked to do this.
- **Trinity Road** - The kerb just south of the Running Horse pub on Trinity Road has been completely churned up by lorries parking on it. This is owned by Morrisons. Town Councillor Andy Girton has spoken to someone at Morrisons about this. Also, Andy has raised a concern about the potholes in their car park. Waiting for a response.
- **Grove Lane leading up to the bypass** – A broken branch has been reported to me that is overhanging the path. I contacted the farmer responsible for this to ask that the branch be cut down, but no response has been received. I wonder if the Town Council Maintenance team could help. I have a 14-foot extendable saw and happy to do this. I just need a truck or equivalent to stand on.
- **Rudham Stile Lane to Whitelands path** – This is thick with mud and leaves. Highways are responsible for the path, and I raised a request with them to ask them to do so on 27th December. They responded by saying they had inspected it and will do it, but it could take 6 weeks. will find out who is responsible for it and ask them to clear it. I have escalated this to Tom FitzPatrick to ask him to engage the local Highways Officer to get this done a.s.a.p. One resident slipped on the path last week so potentially dangerous.