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Monthly Report

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Norfolk County Council

GENERAL UPDATE

Since being elected to Norfolk County Council in May 2026, I have been busy undergoing various induction training, and other task specific training including mandatory training for the Planning Committee. I attended the Annual General Meeting, which saw the Leader of the Council, the Chair, and the Deputy Chair all voted in. Subsequently, the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet have been appointed, followed by the Committee Chairs, Deputy Chairs, and the Committee members. A list of appointments can be provided on request.

I have attended several Parish Council meetings, and the Annual Assembly in Fakenham. I also met with Steve Blatch of North Norfolk District Council, which has been particularly useful, as the former County Cllr has not responded to my requests for a handover, thus far. I have begun to develop my network both within and outside of the County Council, and have responded to several requests for support, from both Parish Cllrs and local constituents. I am developing my understanding of the County Council functions, Cllr standards and procedures. As we move into July, I expect to continue with all of the above, and to build on the firm foundation I have established thus far.

DIVISION SPECIFIC CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The table below includes all the capital works planned in the division for the 2026/27 financial year. I will continue to add updates in regards each scheme listed –

Scheme	Detail
PCA017 BSIP Fakenham C550 Queen's Road car park CC50 Miller Walk/White Horse st car park	Improvement - Fakenham Travel Hub - Feasibility and concept designs. UPDATE: Feasibility Study complete. Project Team have written to landowner's agent to urge progress on the leasehold. Meeting offered.
PHA069 Fakenham C590 Greenway Lane	Improvement - Signalised new crossing. UPDATE: Outline design complete. Consultation to commence later in July. Works expected to commence in January, for 6 weeks.
PMC285 C575 Fakenham Bridge Street	Maintenance - Resurfacing (Renew the raised tegula block raised platform). UPDATE: Awaiting schedule.
PR3873 Fakenham Rudham, Stile Lane	Developer - S38 TRO 20mph zone on new housing development. UPDATE: Awaiting response from Highways.
PRZ325 Fakenham Sports Centre, Trap Lane	Developer - TRO amendment to existing waiting restrictions: UPDATE: Awaiting response from Highways.
PKA012 Hempton B1146/C550	Improvement - New Roundabout Design & Construction. UPDATE: 106 SLA still to be signed by Raynhams Estates Team. Project Team are following up.
PLA604 Raynham Village Gateways	Parish Partnership - Replacement gateways to be funded by parish. UPDATE: Awaiting response from PC.
LMF (in progress schemes from 2025/26) – Fakenham Holt road service road	LMF - lack of signing to cycle path - add additional signs £2500. UPDATE: Awaiting response from Highways.
LMF (in progress schemes from 2025/26) – Fakenham Rudham style lane/greenway lane	LMF - speeding vehicles - Speed measuring strips at two locations. £1200. UPDATE: Completed. Results provided to Cllr Vickers.

PARISH SPECIFIC CASEWORK

The following are cases, not in order of receipt or priority, that I have been dealing with since I was elected in May 2026 –

FAKENHAM TOWN

Queens Road: Concerns raised by a constituent about articulated HGV's using Queens Road. Consulted Highways and the Chair of Fakenham Town Council. It was deemed that there was insufficient justification for further investigation at this stage. I'll monitor the situation for now.

Roundabout on A148: Complaint about weed infested roundabout on A148. I consulted Highways, and it was ascertained that this was left off the cutting schedule. A cut is anticipated in early July, weather dependent.

First Focus: Cllr Vickers made me aware that the First Focus charity were experiencing significant funding constraints and were at risk of closure. I consulted the Head of Communities and

Customer Service at NCC and subsequently provided a list of funding options to Cllr Vickers to pass on to the charity. I also spoke with the Chair of Fakenham Town Council to see if any further options could be explored. Awaiting an update.

Norwich Street (parking): Cllr Vickers contacted Highways to report a problem with parking in Norwich St, and as compounded by the scaffolding on the derelict building at 9 Norwich St . This street does not hold a TRO to restrict parking, with the result that parking tickets issued by traffic wardens cannot be enforced. Highways confirmed that no order is in place, despite the signage. The solution is likely to involve an alteration to the current TRO and NCC's legal service provider, NPLAW, is also involved to determine the best course of action. No timescale has been provided thus far, despite my request for such. Both Cllr Vickers and I will keep this under review.

Additional information: A new TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) and will cost between £10-15k and up to eighteen months to implement if successful. The cost of this would need to be funded by the District Council requesting the restriction. There is also the risk that this will be objected to and will not be successful. In order to understand the implications of restricting parking along this section a feasibility study is likely to be required. The aim of this will be to understand the effects of preventing parking and what this will have on the surrounding community. For example, when restrictions are put in place, people will naturally look to park elsewhere, and this can impact others negatively. The feasibility study can cost between £3-5k if determined its required.

Greenway Lane: Cllr Vickers contacted Highways about a perceived speeding problem on Greenway Lane and Holt Road, and enquired about the possibility of getting speed cameras placed on these roads. Highways advised that feasibility studies would be needed before such action could be undertaken. Fortunately, former County Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick had previously instructed Highways to undertake speed monitoring on Greenway Lane, and Rudham Style Lane. Data available if required. I have also provided the data to Cllr Vickers. Having looked at these reports, it seems Greenway Lane was 1-2mph above the 30mph speed limit for the 85th percentile. Also, ATC2 data for Rudham Style Lane showed that the 20mph limit was being well exceeded on average, and for the 85th percentile. I have sought a follow-up response from Highways.

Junction at the A148/B1105: New enquiry raised by a local constituent about when he believes to be a dangerous road junction at the A148/B1105. I am seeking information from Highways, and will update in due course. The constituent feels a left turn only TRO would be a cheap and effective solution, but I have advised that a feasibility study would be needed.

Raynham Road: Concern raised by a constituent about a loose manhole cover causing excessive noise disturbance when traversed by vehicles. I have requested an investigation about this as I suspect the subcontractor opened up the road too early after completing the roadworks and associated relocation of the manhole, with the result that the manhole sunk. This has since been repaired, but I am concerned that the road was opened up again too early again. I await a follow-up response from Highways, and will continue to push for the investigation.

Jo**hn Chapman Close**: Resident concerned about care workers parking on the turning area near to the resident's property, with the result that she believes access to her property is being impeded. My initial investigation has not revealed that the access would be significantly impeded, but I have

yet to conclude my investigation. Highways believe it is not viable to progress a TRO for this turning area, and that access to emergency vehicles would not be impeded.

9 Norwich Street: A local constituent asked me to intercede in relation to this longstanding problem. Whilst this falls outside my jurisdiction as a County Cllr I felt compelled to at least make enquiries. I met with Steve Blatch, the CEO of North Norfolk District Council, and he advised that this has been going on for 5 years! The District Council have pursued several remedial options but to no avail, and I understand that the District Council is now taking action against the current property owner. However, the nature of this action is confidential at this time, as any wider statement could compromise this. The District Council is hopeful that this action might bring some movement in the position of the property owner towards the end of the summer. I don't feel this is very satisfactory at all, but I do understand that legal processes can be prolonged. That said, in my view the District Council should be able to make the property structurally sound, remove the scaffolding (which must be costing a fortune) and place a charge against the property. Steve said he would make contact with Breckland District Council about similar action I advised had been taken recently in respect of a derelict former restaurant in Dereham, but he further emphasized the legal complexities that have stymied remedial action thus far.

White Horse Street: A local constituent raised the longstanding issue of the waste ground on the corner of White Horse Street, and Norwich Street. I took a look and whilst I can see what the constituent was saying, with the wild flowering it didn't look quite like the eyesore I was expecting to see. It could make a really nice sitting area with a bit more work. I had understood from the Chair of Fakenham Town Council that there was a possibility that improvements could be incorporated into the Transport Hub project, where this is to go ahead, but the Project Team have advised that it does not currently feature as part of the plan, as the area in question is not

necessary for the delivery of the project objectives. However, I have asked the team to keep this in mind, and incorporate this land into negotiations, where feasible. The alternative would be for Fakenham Town Council to take over the land, at a price, or as a gift, where the landowner can be persuaded. It could then be turned into a valuable feature for the town, notwithstanding the complications involving the former use of the land.

HEMPTON WITH PUDDING NORTON AND TESTERTON PC

Hempton roundabout project: See update in table above ref. Hempton roundabout project.

Nothing else to report.

DUNTON WITH SHEREFORD PARISH

Nothing to report. I hope to attend the next PC meeting.

TATTERSETT PARISH

Village and The Street: Cllr Christian raised concerns with me about perceived speeding through Tattersett village, and also advised me about a recent road traffic acciddent on The Street. Cllr Christian was hoping for a speed survey to be conducted, possibly leading to a safety intervention such as installation of SAMS. I advised about the cost of such surveys / studies, and the limitations of the local member's fund. I also contacted the Network Safety Team in order to ascertain if there was sufficient history of speeding related accidents, that would then justify them funding both a speed survey and associated feasibility study. The team stated that, whilst not including the recent accident, there had only been one incident in the last five years, see info. below -

After taking a look into this we have only had 1 recorded personal injury accident in 5 years between end of April 2021 to start of May 2026. The slight collision occurred at the A148 junction to the south of the village and involved a vehicle turning into the side road failing to see a waiting car at the junction to turn onto the A148. Speed factors were not involved.

As a result of the above, the Network Safety Team advised that they could not justify funding any speed survey monitoring, and that therefore I would need to use my local member's fund, were I to deem this necessary. However, said fund is still to be agreed by Cabinet. Last year, this fund only amounted to £11k per member per year, and thus 3-4 surveys, or 2-3 feasibility studies, would consume this fund. I hope Cllrs will appreciate that I will need to use this money wisely, and throughout the division. This is assuming Cabinet actually approve the fund this year. In the interim, I feel it would be worth Cllrs engaging with Community Speed Watch, and recruiting some local support to help with speed monitoring, if feasible. Is this an action the PC could take forward? I will report back when a decision is made in regards the local member's fund.

Tattersett Business Park: I was made aware of the tyre mountain at the business park. Since then, I have made enquiries to the Mineral and Waste Enforcement Team at NCC, and I await a response back. I have also discussed the issue with Steve Blatch at North Norfolk District Council. Mr Blatch advised that the Council's legal team were working on enforcement action for non-compliance with the planning condition relevant to trye removal. They had written to the landowner in September 2025, and given him until March 2026 to progress this obligation, but apparently there has been little to no tyre removal in the last year, and particularly in the last six

months. So, enforcement action is to be undertaken, but he could not share what this will entail, nor the practicalities.

I intend to write to the Environment Agency as I would like to understand their plans for further action, if any. You'll be aware they managed to get the landowner to install some firebreaks, which is positive. However, I'm a bit concerned that I may be stepping beyond my County Cllr remit somewhat, as this appears to be an issue for the District Council / Cllr, and the Environment Agency. That said, there may still be an active connection to NCC via historical planning permissions (waste). As such, I am happy to progress further enquiries, and to press the issue as best I can. Lastly, I have spoken to the Fire and Rescue Team and been advised that they have prepared a response plan, which I have asked to see. On receipt I will forward a copy to the Clerk, if this would be of use?

HELLHOUGHTON PARISH

Digital Connectivity at Village Hall: At the last PC meeting I was asked to ascertain if NCC could help with a grant and or support to enable the village hall to benefit from a digital service, as there is currently no broadband access. I made enquiries with the Director of Digital Services at NCC and confirmed that there is grant budget available for exactly this sort of situation. NCC have been using StarLink to connect to the internet via low earth orbit satellites. I provided the Clerk's contact details, so my hope is that contact has now been made and that a plan is under development. I have requested an update from the Director, but have yet to hear back at the time of writing.

RAYNHAM PARISH

Nothing to report. I hope to attend the next PC meeting.

OTHER CASEWORK

I am managing a complaint about SEND support to a local constituent. This is ongoing, and no further details can be provided.

PLANNING DECISIONS

County Cllrs receive a weekly report of recent planning decisions, in regards Minerals and Waste applications made to NCC. Would this information be useful to Town and Parish Cllrs?

NCC GENERAL UPDATES / NEWS

County Cllrs receive a weekly briefing about NCC matters, national and regional initiatives etc..
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