

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

Voluntary and community organisations within North Norfolk may apply for Big society Fund grants to support their projects. Full information including contact details are given in the Fund's page on the District Council website: bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-BSF. It is worth making contact at an early stage to discuss your application. The officers are very happy to give advice and help with any application.

Today was the closing date for Big Society Fund (BSF) applications to be considered at the December sitting. As a reminder, almost £65k was awarded to community groups at the September sitting. The closing date for the March sitting will be advised.

Removal of North Norfolk Payphones

BT has written to North Norfolk District Council to confirm the start of a 90-day consultation over the removal of 74 least-used public payphones in the District. BT has informed the Council it has placed consultation notices on the relevant payphones with the date they have been posted. As part of the 90-day consultation North Norfolk District Council has been asked to consult with individual town and parish councils affected and feed those responses to BT. The council has no role in drawing up the list of payphone services involved in the consultation.

NNDC has written to all affected town and parish councils to make them aware of the consultation and is asking for comments on the proposed removal of individual payphones within the council areas.

BT is also asking communities to feed back on whether they wish to join the 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme that allows a community to acquire any of the traditional red heritage phone boxes.

North Norfolk District Council has requested town and parish councils send back comments by November 30 to allow the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the proposed North Norfolk response at its meeting on December 14.

Public Inquiry - Pond Farm, Bodham and Selbrigg Farm, Holt

A Public Inquiry will be held next month into two wind turbine applications which had been turned down by North Norfolk District Council. The public inquiry, which will be held in the Council Chamber at North Norfolk District Council's offices at Holt Road, Cromer, is due to start at 10am on 22 November and last for seven days.

Genatec Ltd had asked for planning permission to put up a single wind turbine, measuring up to 66 metres tall, at Pond Farm, Bodham, Holt along with a single storey substation and access tracks.

Selbrigg Generation Ltd had requested planning permission to put up a single wind turbine

measuring up to 78 metres, an access track, substation and a temporary meteorological mast on land at Selbrigg Farm, Hempstead, Holt.

A planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will lead the public inquiry into the two appeals. Members of the public are invited to attend the inquiry and can, if the inspector allows, express their views. If you would like to look at the appeals please go to the Planning Inspectorate website and search for case references 3134132 and 3143028.

NNDC Enforcement

A Cromer man, has been served with an anti-social behaviour injunction by Norwich Magistrates Court. The court heard how the man had repeatedly been found intoxicated in the streets of Cromer. Associated behaviour included shouting abuse, urinating in the street and passing out. The injunction served last week forbids him from being drunk or in possession of any opened container of alcohol in any public place in a designated area of Cromer; it also forbids him from using abusive or threatening language in public anywhere in a designated area of the town.

This injunction shows the Council will not tolerate, or expect our communities to tolerate, persistent anti-social behaviour. This is the second time North Norfolk District Council has used the injunction, part of the powers given to the Council under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

New Joint Procurement Pest Control Contract

North Norfolk District Council, in partnership with Broadland District and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Councils, has awarded a new pest control preferred supplier contract. The joint procurement contract with Millennium Pest Control Ltd will lead to savings for residents across the three councils and the introduction of a new online booking system to streamline services, giving people the opportunity to book 24/7.

From October 1, 2016 anyone in the three council areas experiencing a problem with pests, such as bed bugs, rats, fleas, cluster flies, carpet beetles, mice, wasps, or cockroaches, should contact Millennium Pest Control via their council website.

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