

## Report

### 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-BSE](http://bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-BSE). It is worth making contact at an early stage to discuss your application. The officers are very happy to give help and advice with any application.

Applications will need to reach us by the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in order to go to the Big Society Fund Grant Panel on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

### Funding Boost for Communities Affected by Second Home Ownership

It has recently been announced that North Norfolk will benefit from a share of the new £60m national fund designed to support the provision of affordable housing through community land trusts and other community led housing groups. I am sure that you will understand that this is a very recent national announcement and it is too early to say how this funding will be used and hence I cannot give specific details of the funding impact for Priory Ward or for the District but I will keep you up to date with developments

### NNDC Ward Boundaries

You will recall that in your meeting in July 2016, I told you about the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) review of NNDC Ward Boundaries. At our meeting on 21 December 2016, NNDC decided to support the LGBCE's proposals – North Norfolk should be represented by 40 councillors (eight fewer than at present) and NNDC should have 33 wards (one fewer than now). LGBCE has opened a public consultation on their proposals which ends on 30 January 2017 – see [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

### Storm Surge – Friday 13 January 2017

NNDC staff worked with colleagues from other agencies including the police to protect the public from the danger posed by the storm surge on Friday 13 January 2017. This included evacuating residents from Salthouse and Walcott. In Wells, the Environment Agency deployed the flood barrier. The sea reached the harbour car park wall.

NNDC staff have been working hard over the weekend to in a clear up operation and also to assess and repair the damage caused by the storm surge

Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick  
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