

Please circulate to all concerned.

May I start wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Back in November I discussed with Norfolk County Council Highways about reviewing the routes taken by the Coast Hopper Bus. I hope we all agree that it suffers dreadfully in the obvious bottle-necks of Stiffkey and Cley-Next-The-Sea. It was suggested to the representatives that the size of vehicle used was a key factor. They have promised me they will look into possible re-routing dipping down in to Binham and Langham to serve the residents, business and tourist attractions!

The ideas of a weekend late night service between Fakenham and Norwich were discussed to serve young and slightly older night-lifers and to try and cut incidences of accidents and drink driving.

As previously mention the Electoral Boundaries Commission have drawn up a scheme to split Priory Ward in two and dropping to one elected ward member. Priory is to expand to the south and east with Wells and Holkham becoming their own ward with one elected member.

NNDC councillors voted to accept these proposals but it is not too late to leave your own views at lgbce.org.uk by January 30th.

A recommendation was made by the scrutiny Committee to freeze the rents on Beach Huts however this was not adopted by vote and they will be raised by a small percentage in line with the Costal Carpark hikes that have already come into effect.

Big Society- yes that time again! I wonder whether the villages in this Ward might put in a joint bid for funding for a new road safety campaign through info graphic signage aimed at holiday makers and commercial drivers to slow down and expect country related situations that might occur on the road such as horse riders, dog walkers, buggies etc, let's protect the country lanes!

Finally, I must say that I am becoming increasingly frustrated with NNDC planning policy, particularly in respect of clear discriminatory practices. I am campaigning to get these changed to make them fit for purpose and fair to all. There is a large loop hole which is becoming more and more obvious for those looking to exploit it which could be prevented with a slight relaxation in Policy SS2- building in the countryside. Any views constituents may have I would be delighted to hear.

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