

Dear Keith,

Im afraid I have a clash tonight. There is an extra ordinary Town Council meeting in Wells tonight over the NNDC plans for the 'Beach Rd Site'. I will of course call in on the way back if you are all still there to answer any questions. Please convey my sincere apologies to the committee and members of the public.

Report, March 2017.

Following on from the discussions about road safety and speed restrictions in our District I have emailed Mr. Tom McCabe at Norfolk Cc and our police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, Lorne Green and am waiting a response. I will update the committee by email when a reply has been received.

Norfolk County Council has come back declining to re-route the Coast Hopper to alleviate the bottlenecks and including Binham and Langham in the route. They have cited funding as the reason for refusal. I will continue to push for this by looking into possible grants available to make this a reality.

Councillors from NNDC passed a good and balanced budget last month and outlined spending over the next 3 years. We will be entering a period of a funding shortfall of some £1.3 million in 3 years time. The council's response to this is an 'Asset Commercialisation Plan'. As some of you may have read in the media that a proposal was put forward for Wells by the re-development of the Beach Rd Toilets site. Members of the Scrutiny committee were minded to send it back to the Cabinet at NNDC so a full public consultation could be held with Wells Town Council that is a very welcome step. In my view this proposal was unsustainable, assets must be viable however careful consideration must be taken to ascertain the best use for the site so that it may remain an asset to the community.

Best wishes,

Simon Hester
Sent from Samsung tablet