**Swardeston Parish Council – 9 November 2023**

**District Councillor Report**

**Greater Norwich Plan – Village Clusters**

SNC will be re-consulting on the housing allocations for the village clusters – probably starting before Xmas for an extended 8 week period. New allocations are needed as one site in the district is inappropriate for development and another has reduced housing capacity. There could be implications for local villages.

**Alderman Vivienne Clifford-Jackson**

Popular former councillor Vivienne Clifford-Jackson was made an Alderman of South Norfolk at a ceremony on Monday 15 October. She represented Mulbarton for many years and represented Mulbarton and Stoke Holy Cross between 2019 and 2022. She is a former leader of SNC.

**Nutrient Neutrality**

Norfolk Environmental Credits (a JV company formed by local councils) expects to shortly start selling “credits” to developers to offset the impact of new housing on nutrient levels. The EDP has featured several stories which explain the rationale for the local pig farm scheme.

**Night Time Speeding on B1113**

Cllr Jim Webber has spoken with Pc James Smith about these repeated speed and noise infringements. The Pc is newly appointed and is only recently been aware of the issue. He is contacting Lotus and has ideas for enforcement action. This initial call will be followed up.

**Flooding on B1113**

We spoke with NCC engineers and visited the Orsted site to see the steps taken to try and contain the water from the site and nearby fields. Recent conditions have been exceptional, but we remain concerned about the capacity of the drainage system below the Orsted site to cope with the rain we are seeing.

**Vehicle-Related Public Spaces Protection Order**

SNC Cabinet has endorsed the proposed PSPO including the extension to 7 days a week as proposed by Swardeston PC (inter alia). Following approval by Council, it is expected to come into force in early 2024.

**Sale of Long Stratton Building**

The sale of South Norfolk House was discussed at a meeting of the Council on 7 November. Agreement was narrowly reached to sell the premises to the preferred bidder. The sale is expected to complete before end January 2024. The proposal is to build c50 new bungalows on the site.

**Grants**

Applications for Pride in Place grants must be in by end January 2024. Grants can be made for capital projects (up to £25,000), revenue support for new activities or feasibility studies. Further details can be found on the SNC website or from one of the councillors named below. . A reminder that Members Ward Grants for community organisations needing a small amount of financial help are also available.

**Bob McClenning, Ian Spratt & Jim Webber**

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