**District Councillor Report for Swardeston Parish Council – 08 February 2024**

**Grants**

Members ward grants close on 1st March. Requests are needed ASAP.

**Hethersett Academy /Inspiration Trust**

The Inspiration Trust has been consulting on changes to admission arrangements to Hethersett and Hewett Academies. The changes proposed would make Mulbarton Primary School the only feeder school to Hewett and would add an extra primary school to the feeders for Hethersett. The changes seem to further disadvantage children living in Mulbarton who wish to attend Hethersett Academy. Your Councillors are concerned at this discrimination by Inspiration Trust and are responding to the Consultation.

**Leisure Centre Update**

The new E-gym equipment has been installed at Long Stratton Leisure Centre, providing state of the art training programmes for all ages and levels of fitness. This is some of the most up to date gym equipment in the Country.

New discounted membership schemes will be available from April. Students and apprentices will receive a 40% discount on the full membership fee (£23 per month rather than £38), the concessionary discount will be 30% and over 65s who do not qualify for the concessionary rate can join a daytime/weekend scheme with a 25% discount.

**Flooding on B1113**

District Councillors are still active in attempting to resolve this. As this appears to be primarily the responsibility of Highways, your County Councillor has been emailed but no response. We have also tried to contact County Councillor Graham Plant, the cabinet lead for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport. There is no update since the January report.

**Greater Norwich Plan**

The recent SNC Town & Country Forum included a briefing on the Greater Norwich Plan. The inspector’s report is expected to support the plan when published in Mid-February. The Plan will then be adopted by the 3 councils in March.

The second South Norfolk village clusters consultation has just closed. It is expected to be Q3 2025 before this part of the plan can be adopted, following a review by the inspector.

**World Cafes**

The South Norfolk & Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership brings together a wide range of bodies with an interest in health and wellbeing. Two world café events are planned for March in Diss and Reepham. These events will provide residents an opportunity to meet in an informal setting to discuss key health topics with a particular focus on prevention and health inequalities. Parish Councils are encouraged to promote and attend these events. Further information can be provided.

**Hornsea 3 Community Fund**

Despite information indicating that the fund would open to applications in early 2024, no further information has been forthcoming. A recent email to Grantscape, who will manage the fund, has not been replied to.

**‘Norwich to Tilbury’ Update**

The formal consultation for this project is planned to start soon (estimated to be April by the action group).

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