

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

Minutes from the Meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel held on Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 at 5.45 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Wright (Chairman),
Councillors Mrs J Collingham, C Crofts, M Chenery of Horsburgh, M Howland,
P Kunes, J M Tilbury, Mrs E Watson, D Whitby and Mrs A Wright

Portfolio Holders

Councillor B Long – Portfolio Holder for Environment

Officers:

Chris Bamfield – Executive Director

By Invitation:

Quentin Brogdale – Resident Engineer, Norfolk County Council

RD45: **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Howland be appointed Vice Chairman for the meeting.

RD46: **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K Mellish and A Tyler.

RD47: **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Regeneration and Development Panel meeting held on 27 January 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RD48: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

RD49: **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

RD50: **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

There were none.

RD51: **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

RD52: **MATTERS REFERRED TO THE PANEL FROM OTHER COUNCIL BODIES AND RESPONSES MADE TO PREVIOUS PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS**

There were none.

RD53: **HIGHWAYS WORKS**

The Chairman welcomed Quentin Brogdale, Resident Engineer from Norfolk County Council to the meeting, who provided the Panel with an update on Highways works.

A copy of the Resident Engineers presentation is attached.

The Chairman thanked the Resident Engineer for his presentation and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

The following issues and queries were raised by Members of the Panel and the Resident Engineer agreed to investigate and feedback responses to the Panel:

- Councillor Kunes asked for clarification on what the cameras, which had recently been installed along the A17, would be used for. *Following the meeting it was confirmed that they were average speed cameras and would be deployed shortly.*
- Councillor Whitby asked why some kerbs had been reset shortly after a pedestrian crossing scheme on Castle Rising Road in South Wootton. *Following the meeting the Resident Engineer explained that the resetting could be the alteration works to the radii following complaints and an Audit.*
- Councillor Crofts referred to the Highways Ranger scheme and asked if they were responsible for clearing polythene out of bushes, which often looked unsightly. The Executive Director explained that this was the responsibility of the Borough Council. He explained that resources available were an issue, but perhaps certain problem areas could be targeted.
- Councillor Mrs Collingham commended the regular updates she received from Norfolk County Council on Highways Works. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to pass on all Borough Councillor email addresses to Norfolk County Council Highways, so that Members who did not already receive the updates could be added to the distribution list.
- Councillor Mrs Watson commented that Ragwort was more prevalent on verges and felt that it needed controlling as it was poisonous to horses.

- Councillor Mrs Watson informed those present that the Coast Hopper Service Schedule did not fit in with services from the Railway Station. The Resident Engineer commented that it was a shame that services were not co-ordinated and agreed to investigate.
- Councillor Mrs Watson referred to the slip road at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital roundabout. The Resident Engineer informed the Panel that County was considering how to improve driver visibility.
- Councillor Baron Chenery of Horsbrugh asked if free road closures would be available for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. The Executive Director reminded the Panel that a small grant scheme was available within the Borough and agreed to investigate if road closures would be available.
- Councillor Baron Chenery of Horsbrugh referred to weeds growing down the middle of rural roads and the Resident Engineer explained that only weakened substances could be used to spray on the weeds due to potential run off and contamination of water courses.

Various Members commended the work carried out by the Highways Rangers.

The Chairman thanked the Resident Engineer for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: The update was noted.

RD54: **TRAINING**

The Chairman invited the Panel to put forward any suggestions of training or updates which could be provided in the future.

Councillor Tilbury commented that it would be important to arrange training following the introduction of new Scrutiny arrangements.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Wright referred to the Induction Sessions which had been arranged following the Borough Election in May and commented that she found them very useful. She suggested that refresher sessions could be held.

Councillor Kunes reminded the Panel that several IT Training Sessions had been arranged throughout March 2016.

Councillor Baron Chenery of Horsbrugh commended the training which had already been offered to Members and commented that Members needed to make the effort to attend the sessions which he had found very useful.

RD55: **WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The Chairman referred to the Panel's Work Programme and requested that Members of the Panel contact her if they had suggestions on items they would like to be considered.

Councillor Tilbury referred to the report of the Scrutiny Structures Task Group which would be considered by Cabinet in April and requested that the report be presented to the Panel for consideration prior to consideration by Cabinet.

RESOLVED: The Work Programme and forward decision list was noted.

RD56: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 4.00pm in the Research Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm

Quentin Brogdale
Resident Engineer
Norfolk County Council

24 February 2016

Norfolk County Council Community and Environmental Services Department Highways and Transport Group

- Highway Maintenance
- Network Management
- Capital Schemes
- Passenger Transport
- Developer Services
- Travel Systems

Surfacing Programme

Planned works 2015-16:

- A10 Ryston
- Downham Market – Railway Road

Traffic Signal Upgrades

Recent schemes completed:

- Gaywood Road/Tennyson Avenue
- London Road/Hospital Walk

Planned works:

- John Kennedy Road/Austin Street
- Gaywood Road/Loke Road

Projects

Recent schemes led by BCKLWN with support from NCC:

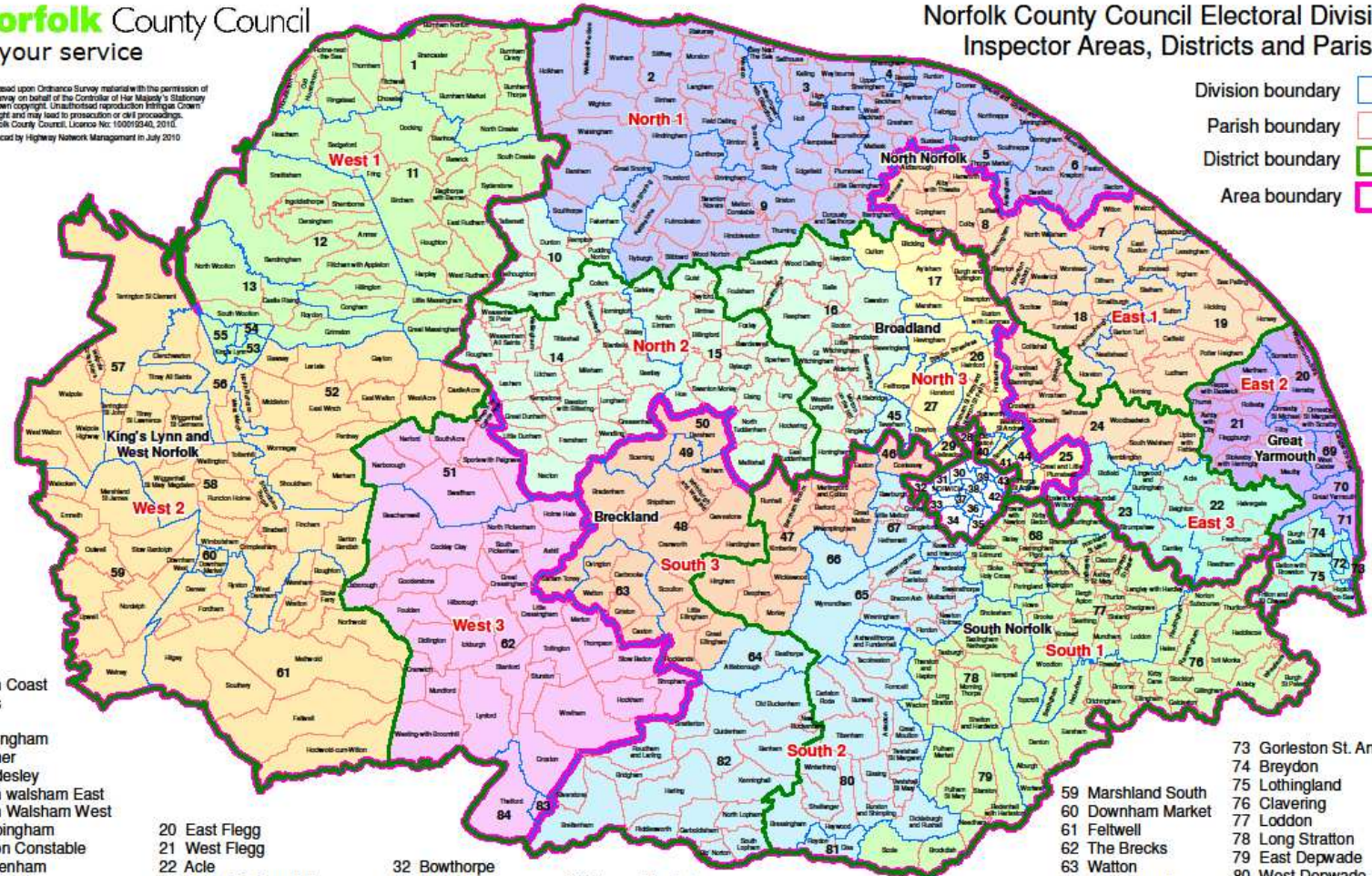
- King's Lynn Transport Interchange
- Saturday Market Place

Planned scheme:

- Lynnsport Access Road

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- Division boundary
- Parish boundary
- District boundary
- Area boundary



- 1 North Coast
- 2 Wells
- 3 Holt
- 4 Sheringham
- 5 Cromer
- 6 Mundesley
- 7 North Walsham East
- 8 North Walsham West
- 9 Melton Constable
- 10 Fakenham
- 11 Dorsingham
- 12 Dersingham
- 13 Freebridge Lynn
- 14 Necton & Launditch
- 15 Elmham & Mattishall
- 16 Reepham
- 17 Ayisham
- 18 Hoveton & Stalham
- 19 South Smallburgh

- 20 East Flegg
- 21 West Flegg
- 22 Acle
- 23 Blofield & Brundall
- 24 Wroxham
- 25 Thorpe St Andrew
- 26 Hevingham & Spixworth
- 27 Drayton & Horsford
- 28 Catton Grove
- 29 Hellesdon
- 30 Mile Cross
- 31 Wensum

- 32 Bowthorpe
- 33 University
- 34 Eaton
- 35 Lakenham
- 36 Town Close
- 37 Nelson
- 38 Mancroft
- 39 Sewell
- 40 Old Catton
- 41 Sprowston

- 42 Thorpe Hamlet
- 43 Crome
- 44 Woodside
- 45 Taverham
- 46 Costessey
- 47 Hingham
- 48 Yare & All Saints
- 49 Dereham South
- 50 Dereham North

- 51 Swaffham
- 52 Gayton & Nar Valley
- 53 Gaywood South
- 54 Gaywood North & Central
- 55 King's Lynn North & Central
- 56 Clenchwarton & King's Lynn South
- 57 Marshland North
- 58 Fincham

- 59 Marshland South
- 60 Downham Market
- 61 Feltwell
- 62 The Brecks
- 63 Watton
- 64 Attleborough
- 65 Forehoe
- 66 Wymondham
- 67 Humbleyard
- 68 Henstead
- 69 Caister-on-Sea
- 70 Yarmouth North & Central
- 71 Yarmouth Nelson & Southtown
- 72 Great Yarmouth Magdalen

- 73 Gorleston St. Andrews
- 74 Breydon
- 75 Lothingland
- 76 Clavering
- 77 Loddon
- 78 Long Stratton
- 79 East Depwade
- 80 West Depwade
- 81 Diss & Roydon
- 82 Guiltcross
- 83 Thetford East
- 84 Thetford West

West Area Office

- 14 Technical Staff
- 4 Construction Staff
- 3 Support Staff
- Streetworks Department
- Countryside Team
- 23 Roadworker Gangs
- 136 Parishes
- 2500 km of highway
- 151,627 Hectares
- Area Population 221 300
- Maintenance budget of £4.3 m

Works Carried out by the depot

- Routine Maintenance
- Structural Maintenance
- Improvement Schemes
- Winter Services
- Highway and Community Ranger Work
- 24 hr Emergency Response

What do we do?

- Maintain the highway in accordance with NCC's Transport Asset Management Plan
- Scheduled Highway Inspections and Defect Identification
- Identify & Prioritise Structural Maintenance Schemes (footway refurbishment, new drainage, surfacing, & road strengthening schemes)
- Public Interface for Highways Group
- Identify/Order/Check/Approve/Pay
- Design of Minor Maintenance Schemes
- Audit and Estate Road Inspections
- Surface Dressing Supervision
- Winter Service Decisions and Operation

Identifying Maintenance Works

- Scheduled Highway Inspections
- First line response for Traffic Management Requests
- Borough, Town & Parish Council liaison
- Respond to Customer Service Requests

Works carried out with term contractor Tarmac

- Surface Patching
- Rural Highway Verge Grass cutting
- Weed Spraying
- Scheduled Road Drain Cleansing
- Surface Dressing
- Inspection and Maintenance of Safety Barriers
- Design & Delivery of some highway schemes

Winter Services



Winter Services

- 2014/15: 70 Gritting actions on main routes – approx. 14,000t salt
- An average gritting route takes three hours to complete. We have 53 routes across the County and each time we grit we treat over 1910 miles of the County's 5965 mile network.
- Each normal gritting run costs £48,500, cost per mile = £23
- Highways England treats a further 143 miles of trunk roads – A11, A12 and A47. Norwich City Council is responsible for roads in the Norwich area with NCC acting as agent
- Long-term PFI arrangement with Salt Union ends 2020. This has guaranteed salt supplies since 1995 and avoided pollution problems by using domes

Winter Services

- We receive detailed weather forecasts each day predicting the timing and the possible formation of ice
- County Controller reviews forecast daily to decide if treatment is required



Shouts

Last night:

- P1&P2 10g @ 19:00 all zones except coastal north @ 20:00 (Crews hold if rain)
- P1 & P2 10g @ 03:30 AM all zones except City

Tonight:

- PM – P1 & P2 10g @ 18:00 all County Zones, P1 & P2 7.5g @ 19:00
AM – P1 & P2 10g @ 03:00 all County Zones, No Action in the City.

Highway Ranger Initiative

- Greater community input
- More responsive to local priorities and streetscene needs
- Scheduled visits, notified in advanced
- Rangers more empowered to spot and fix
- More flexible working methods
- Building relationships

Type of Ranger work

- Side out a carriageway or footway
- Clear mud and soil from the carriageway
- Hand sweep carriageway or footway
- Trim hedge (not in private ownership)
- Soil and seed verge
- Strim Highway Verges
- Rod and flush drain
- Clean out gully
- Clean out drainage chamber
- Rod and flush kerb drainage offlets
- Clear grip
- Wash sign, bollard or reflector post
- Repair minor kerb defect
- Repair minor footway surface defects

Parish Partnerships

- NCC and PC share cost 50/50 of local delivered minor schemes such as
 - trods
 - surfacing and surface dressing
 - retread in Fens to resolve subsidence issues
 - £200k programme

Contacting Us.....?

- Customer Service Centre
- Telephone 0344 800 8020
- Email highways@norfolk.gov.uk

Thanks for Listening

Any Questions?