District Councillors Report for Mulbarton PC March 2023

Council Tax for the year 2023/4 is to be frozen at its current level.

The move to Horizon House jointly with Broadland Council is expected to be in May this year.

The problem with Nutrient Neutrality regarding Planning Applications is yet to be resolved. A suggested approach is to develop reed beds as a reservoir of the offending nutrients and which could then be traded as offsets to potential developers.

Equinor have applied for a DCO at Swardeston for an electricity substation. This will be in addition to that granted to Orsted. South Norfolk and Broadland Councils have indicated their support citing the prospect of employment and economic opportunities. Work has begun on the installation of the necessary cabling in adjacent parishes.

Grants of £200 are to be offered towards Coronation celebrations. It is expected that Parish Councils will administer these on behalf of interested groups.

In addition it is anticipated that member ward grants will be available as before from April onwards.

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill is working its way through Parliament. It is a lengthy document and will involve Local Planning Authorities in terms of Housing Allocation and Design and a Devolution Proposal for Norfolk County Council.

There continues to be considerable opposition to The East Anglian Green Overhead Cabling proposal. No decision has been made, however National Grid are reluctant to consider alternatives.

There are proposals for a Major Trauma Centre at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. The minimum travelling time to such a centre should not be more than 45 minutes and the time taken to reach The MTC at Cambridge exceeds this for many residents.

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