

## Wreningham PC District Councillor's report.

### Vivienne Clifford-Jackson January 2021

1. Happy New Year to all council members, their families and our residents. I hope it is a better one for everyone. I attach our members' bulletin as it has useful staffing structures and I also attach new planning guidance. I am so sorry we are back in lockdown. I hope all residents are safe and have access to services. As before please call 01508 533933 for help.
2. You probably won't be getting a diary card for the bins this year as the collection days are now stable and shouldn't change with the Bank Holidays, although of course there may be delays due to staffing or weather issues. The diaries can be downloaded from the website if needed for those who want them.
3. I do hope you have been OK from flooding which has been widespread this year. Several of the villages in our Ward are affected. Access to Long Stratton, Wymondham and along the B1113 was difficult for a number of days. I and some residents have requested flooding to be an urgent item on the Cabinet agenda Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and this has been agreed. The Leader has also said he will set up an enquiry under the Chairmanship of the SNC Chair to investigate the issues. If you have any evidence please send it to me or Democratic services.
4. Member led funding grants were reviewed at Scrutiny Committee and the deadline has been extended to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 as 28 members have not spent any of their grant money yet.
5. Full council voted to investigate the logistics of a new 'low impact, garden village style' settlement near existing infrastructure. Hethel is one of the suggested possible sites.
6. There was a planning training session primarily for Parish Councils which over 65 people attended. New regulations about permitted development and software to assess the need for planning permission, as well as useful PowerPoint guidelines were given and are still available. The current DMC arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future, but the numbers of the committee may be adjusted later in the year if the software improves.
7. Cabinet and Full Council reviewed Finances due to extra Covid costs and loss of income. Review of members' IT needs for improved equipment is out to consultation.
8. We have had a members' consultation meeting about the future Budget and Big Sky governance. Two cabinet members have been elected to the board in addition to the Leader.
9. Just an advance notice that the Census will be happening on the 21<sup>st</sup> March with advisory letters in February 2021. It will start on line with paper submissions in addition.
10. If you have IT issues ensure you have a VDSL enabled modem or router and 'fibre to box' connection.

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