

North Walsham Town Council

June 29, 2021 Meeting

Report - District Councillors 'North Walsham Liberal Democrats'

CEDAR HOUSE

Vacant Cedar House New Rd site: there is a report before the North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) Cabinet meeting on July 5th proposing that Cedar House be brought back in to use by the Council with help of a grant from English Heritage under the Heritage Action Zone programme and that the offices at the property should be let to commercial and community groups. It also proposed that the rest of the site is sold to maximise the financial return from the site. These proposals have arisen because after seven years of the Wetherspoon pub chain expressing an interest in developing a pub on the site no contract has ever been signed.

NW FOOTBALL CLUB

North Walsham Football Club: there is a report before the NNDC Cabinet meeting on July 5th proposing that the Council invest in new boilers and sewage pumps on this Council owned site so that it enables a new long-term lease to be agreed with the club. This in turn will enable the club to apply for other forms of external funding to improve site amenities.

HAZ

Consultations on the Heritage Action Zone proposals for improving the Town Centre. A variety of consultations have taken place including an exhibition on this £3 million project. District Cllrs thank the public for their contributions, and these will now inform decisions on the planned improvements which are scheduled to start later this year.

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT

Consultations on the proposed housing development on the western side of the town: District Cllrs wish to thank residents for their many contributions on the proposal to allocate land in the Council's draft Local Plan for a major housing development over the next 20 years on land between the Norwich and Cromer roads. It is clear that Residents want improvements to infrastructure in the town if this housing growth is to take place. District Cllrs have been pressing for this since the proposal first originated and will continue to campaign for this to happen.

SECTION 106 MONIES

Contributions to North Walsham for amenity improvements as a result of housing and property developments: District Cllrs continue to work closely with the Town Council on suitable projects for these financial contributions from developers. In recent months allocations have been made for projects to improve allotment facilities, for refurbishment works in the Memorial Park and for planned improvements to the play facilities at Trackside. Contributions received by the District Council to date of nearly £60k for projects in parks and open green spaces remain to be spent.

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