

NNDC report Holkham PC May 20

Hello everybody

These last few weeks have certainly been very difficult. I have been lucky, although self-isolating, my daughter with baby Jean live opposite so we can wave through the window.

My son in law is a wind farm technician and is working offshore near Belgium coast he came home last Wednesday but had to travel by car to Copenhagen then by air to Frankfurt on to Zurich to Heathrow then home by car 36hrs.

Meetings have been attended by Zoom

Cabinet, Planning, Licencing, briefing from various department heads and twice weekly updates from the Leader Sarah Butikofer.

The 10 local co-ordination centres have been very busy and successful

Wells has 38 customers receiving welfare

1000 prescriptions have been delivered

Staff and Councillors ringing vulnerable people and personal visits if no answer or no phone

Those that are shielded 100% 1913 have been contacted, of those 243 13% were recorded as being in need.

The finance section and those seconded to help have been interpreting the governments grant funding initiatives and worked weekends and bank holidays to process the backlog. Some of which was caused when the Gov moved the goalposts after a week when 2000 business rates had already been processed.

Over 80% of claims have been dealt with and of the remainder some do not wish to claim, some claiming incorrectly or changed name that they are trading under without updating NNDC

24% of total county grants are in North Norfolk

Splash the works to the roof were completed the day before the lockdown, the work to remove the scaffolding ordered for this weekend

The work on the new building re commenced on the 4<sup>th</sup> May

Works to building stock have been ongoing, Toilets, empty offices etc. being refurbished as necessary making best use of access

Electric charging points work complete to 5 of the 6 sites - North Walsham outstanding not yet tested by UK power networks trying to be ready as soon as lockdown is released

Care Homes in Norfolk

62 homes have residents testing positive in Norfolk

I phoned the Wells Care Homes this afternoon 7<sup>th</sup> and they were clear of C19 and were happy with levels of PPE

The Police have been sending visitors home as they have caught them, and I understand that some of the villagers along the coast have been encouraging holiday makers to return home in a number of ways not always very gently

C19 Testing will be back at Highfield Road Fakenham and the Meadow Road Car Parks on Monday and Tuesday and will be testing those already flagged up the government at that time.

Park benches were cordoned off to deter m of p congregating, but exercisers obviously felt they needed to rest and removed the tape where this caused a problem some benches were removed, I don't think this has happened up in our area

#### Car Parks and Toilets

NNDC has decided to keep these closed for now although we are thinking that we might need to release these facilities, the loos at least

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS?

The District Council staff have adapted well to all that this epidemic has thrown at them and it certainly isn't over yet, the finances have taken a huge hit, but sound management seems to have staved of the worst although reserves have had to be broached

I suspect that some of the restrictions may have been relaxed by the time of the meeting but in my opinion another couple of weeks of lockdown would be beneficial to North Norfolk we are generally a couple of weeks behind.

I shall make sure I have a brew ready for the start of the meeting. In the meantime, stay well and keep safe

Peter