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**WDC Councillor for Pakefield (May 2015 onwards)**

**Report for the Lowestoft Town Council Meeting**

**Tuesday February 6th, 2018**

**Waveney District Council meetings & briefings; and training & development:**

December:

Thurs. 7th: Overview & Scrutiny meeting focus: the Budget

January:

Thurs. 4th: Overview & Scrutiny meeting focus: a ‘call-in’ regarding a confidential business development

Tues. 9th: Overview & Scrutiny training re. question function and formation

Thurs. 11th: Audit & Governance and Overview & Scrutiny joint meeting focus: Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account Budget (apologies given due to evening work commitment; WDC Cllr Malcolm Cherry kindly substituted)

Weds. 24th: Waveney District Council Full Council meeting (proposed or seconded two successful motions: WDC to investigate alarming reports about the Waveney River and neonicotinoid pollution; and WDC to promote alternatives to single-use plastics)

February:

Mon. 5th: Waveney Labour Group special briefing and presentation by Homira Javadi, Chief Financial Officer, on the WDC Budget

Mon. 5th: Member Programme (WDC and SCDC Merger) sub-committee meeting for Communication and Branding (apologies sent owing to day-time work commitment; ideas and comments forwarded by email; and WDC Cllr Peter Byatt kindly attended)

**Case-work:**

Stradbroke Rd/Flora Rd: SORN car parked on unadopted road: met with SCC Cllr Craig Rivett and residents on Sun. Nov. 26th to discuss a way forward; in addition, hazardous parking on double yellow lines along Stradbroke Rd; emailed photographic evidence to SCC Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro, who will investigate the matter with SCC Highways regarding repainting the lines; I was also advised to forward the evidence to Police for monitoring and possible parking infringements action

Arbor Lane: contacted by residents of Beach Farm Caravan Site in relation to the lack of a green bin for their garden waste; met with residents and ascertained other problems; have been liaising with: WDC Cllr Graham Catchpole re. the management of the caravan site and their provision of suitable bins; Lowestoft Town Cllr Alan Green re. the provision of bins for dog waste; SCC Cllr Craig Rivett regarding the ‘unadopted road’ and its maintenance and liability for and link with the tourist Coastal Path; legal advice from WDC sought by Cllr Craig Rivett re. establishing ownership; met with one resident on Sun. Nov. 26th; in January, SCC decided that the laneway will be resurfaced if public consultation proves favourable; the situation will need further monitoring to ensure that the new lane surface does not make this a motorcycle rat-run; McDonalds’ management have also been consulted on the problem of parking and litter at the entrance; a community meeting is likely

Blackheath Road and Love Lane: resident reported problems with drainage from the bicycle path and the cycle path, and a collapsed wall near a drain into the stream across the former golf course; overhanging branches are also an issue; met with WDC Building Manager consultant Mark Speller for a site inspection on Weds. Oct. 11th (ongoing)

Pakefield Beach: notified of the existence of barbed wire from a dilapidated fence (referred to the Environmental Health officers); various investigations have resulted in the identification of the likely owners; letters will be sent advising them to act to remedy the situation

CEFAS, Pakefield: correspondence with Sarah Carter in relation to the nature of communication with residents in terms of the new developments and the likely impact on the community

**Community work and support at social events:**

January

Weds. 17th: Trades Union Council meeting: presentation on the implications of driver-only trains on rural rail lines

February

Thurs. 1st: organized trip for East Norfolk Sixth Form College students (my workplace) to attend The Seagull Theatre, Pakefield for a read-through presentation of and research and development question and answer session on *The Response* by local playwright John Hales