

## BROCKDISH (inc. THORPE ABBOTTS) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 25th September 2025 7pm Thorpe Abbots Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs MacKenzie (Chair), Castagnetti (Vice Chair), Clark, McCluskey & Woodruffe.

**Public:** 7 + Guest Speaker

**In Attendance:** County Cllr Wilby, District Cllrs Hudson & Thompson + Clerk

### 1. **Welcome**

Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) welcomed all to the meeting & introduced David Baker (Water Network Manager for Norfolk, Anglian Water).

David gave a summary of where local water towers are sited & where water for Thorpe Abbots comes from!

Questions raised by residents were answered & explanations given, including those related to low water pressure at certain times of the day. It was agreed to carry out pressure surveys around the village (for approx. 2-3 weeks). This will also confirm that the individual pipework to properties (both AW & private) is as good as they can possibly be. Clerk to forward contact details of residents (4) properties with alleged low water pressure to David. Water pressure survey data will be forwarded to PC once completed. Possibility of more properties being monitored. David will also inform residents of results by attending a PC meeting in approx. 2 to 3 months time.

Residents were reassured that a solution will be found & the issue is at the top of Anglian Water's list!

Old pipework will be replaced/upgraded which will reduce/eradicate problems. It may well be that when the 6" main is replaced we will bring it into the village from a different direction. Rushall Water Tower? Could be a possibility! Analytical work will be undertaken. Cheaper for Anglian Water to put pipework under fields rather than roads! Re-modelling will take place & a final design will be made.

Please remember that this will not be instant, but possibly the financial year 2026/27 or 2027/28. Possibility of Ecological surveys which have to take place during winter.

Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) thanked David for attending the meeting.

### 2. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Cobbold & Russell apologies received & accepted.

### 3. **To consider declarations of interest:**

Cllr Castagnetti (Vice Chair) re: Agenda Item 8 2025/02202/PLAFVA.

### 4. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of 26th June 2025**

Cllr Woodruffe pointed out that name incorrect re: Item 9 Flood Report, should read Grahame Bygrave not Graham Plant. Minutes changed to reflect this.

The minutes of 31st July were then ratified as a true record of the meeting & a hard copy signed by Cllr MacKenzie (Chair).

Proposed: CM (Chair) Seconded: SM

### 5. **The meeting adjourned for public participation:**

N/A

### 6. **To receive District Cllr Thompson's Report see Appendix A.**

**To receive District Cllr Hudson's Report see Appendix B.**

**To receive County Cllr Wilby's Report see Appendix C.**

**The meeting of the PC resumed:**

**7. Planning (applications/decisions/updates as notified by SNC):-**

**At Risk Register:** (ongoing)

**37 The Street, Brockdish.**

For information: Chris Bennett, Heritage Officer, SNC previously reported the property is now being investigated by another department (a very long process).

The Community Enforcement Officer is involved & the council do have capacity to serve an improvement notice which requires remedial works to the property that would make the property safe for occupation. The notices tackle hazards within the property & its curtilage but are not targeted specifically at the appearance of the property - however they can consequently assist in the building being repaired which is important from the heritage point of view. An urgent work notice can not be served if the building is occupied - the owner is stating & providing evidence that this is the case, even though it is in poor condition. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) contacted Chris Bennett via email on 30/03/25 for an update. Response received to say that the Compliance Officer is to take a look at the building - we will report back once he has done so. Chris Bennett has also contacted the empty homes officer for an update & will advise when he has received a response. Update received 23/06/25 'passed to another Officer & plans being made for a site visit. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) contacted Chris Bennett on 27/06/25 to request an update, also sent an email 22/09/25, no response received. Telephoned CB on 25/09/25, CB not available, requested a call back. Cllr. MacKenzie (Chair) discussed with District Cllr Hudson who will raise the issue with the Planning Director in advance of a full Council meeting to be held in October.

**Application:**

**2025/2312** 45 The Street, Brockdish

Single storey rear extension & detached garage

The PC supported this application.

**2025/2679** Crowe Hall, Grove Road, Brockdish

Removal of existing concrete render, re-render in lime, with insulated base 7 topcoat with parqueting, repair timber frames, as required, partial sill replacement & bespoke replacement windows.

The PC supported this application.

**Decisions:**

**2025/1102** Land North East of 68 The Street, Brockdish

Outline permission for erection of 3 new build dwellings with matters reserved, except access.

SNC approved this application. The PC did not support this application.

**2025/2312** 45 The Street, Brockdish

Single storey rear extension & detached garage.

SNC approved this application. The PC supported.

District Cllr Hudson informed the meeting that if the PC objects to a planning application then Clerk to contact him & he will 'call in' refer to the Planning Committee.

**8. Correspondence:** (sent to Cllrs upon receipt).

- Email received from SNC re: 2025/02202/PLAFVA Premises License Full Variation, sale by retail of alcohol at Brockdish Village Hall. No objections raised.  
NOTE: The bar will not be open, therefore, no alcohol will be served during the Parish Council meetings.
- Email from Syleham resident re: car parking opp. Syleham Road junction, Brockdish. Although this is not ideal, the Police can not act/enforce. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) to respond to the resident.
- To note: NCC, LGR update.
- To note: SN Village Cluster Housing Application Plan Submission.
- To note: SNC Unitary Proposal of 2 Unitary Norfolk

**9. AOB/Updates/Matters Arising:-**

\*Flooding: Cllr Woodruffe informed the meeting that Grahame Bygrave is due to respond to questions as raised by SW. A questionnaire was sent out to residents. Some residents completed, Grahame Bygrave forwarded to Mark Ogden. Grahame Bygrave will come back with a response which will be sent to the PC. NCC to complete PFR when they can as it is not a statutory obligation. Written to Adrian Ramsay MP who agrees that this needs to be made a statutory requirement. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) informed the meeting that she has again contacted Nathan Hariris & Katie Spillman of SNC re: completing a Community Flood Plan for Brockdish, however no response to date. Cllr Mackenzie (Chair) to follow up. Ditch clearance, Brockdish Common. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) to contact GL.

\*Speeding/Traffic Calming: Cllr Castagnetti (Vice Chair) reported new operator of Speed Enforcement Camera & he will speak with him about locations & times of visits. SAM2 with Westcotec cost of repair is £1215 + VAT, shared with Needham PC £607.50 each. A new SAM2 is £3175.00 + VAT, £1587.50 each. PPS bid? Needham PC discussed at their meeting on 28/07/25 & deferred a decision on the repair or purchase of a new machine until the next meeting on 22/09/25. Clerk has contacted Needham PC re: update, no response to date.

Cllr Cobbold provided an estimate (£1068) for solar upgrade of the 2 SID units, purchased earlier this year. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting on 29/10/25. Clerk to contact Westcotec to obtain estimate for extension poles re: solar upgrade panels.

Cllr Woodruffe met with GL today re: traffic calming & the only option we have at present is village gateways. These are costly & not effective. It is proposed to hold a meeting in March 2026 to seek residents' views on speeding/traffic calming (are residents' concerned?).

\*The Commons/WVfN inc. Biodiversity (Action Plan). Cllr Clark reported the event held on 21/09/25 went well with over 100 attending, including children. MP Adrian Ramsay also in attendance. Brockdish Village Hall provided refreshments. It is hoped to hold a similar event next year.

County Cllr Wilby reported the old school playing field seems to be going ahead, MP Adrian Ramsay supports. WVfN plan to undertake a hedgerow survey (complete

database). Cllr Clark to complete 'Wildlife Friendly Village' information & record details on a copy of the village map & this is taking shape. Same to be completed for Thorpe Abbots - Cllr Clark will liaise with Cllrs McCluskey, Russell & Chair of Thorpe Abbots Village Hall. WVfN to carry out tidying of an area behind Thorpe Abbots Village Hall.

\*Thorpe Abbots new notice board. Cllr McCluskey reported that the proposed new notice board would not fit on existing posts (new board too small). It was agreed to request GL to look at the existing notice board, with a few to refurbishment. Clerk to contact GL.

\*Thorpe Abbots Pump 'No Parking' signs. Cllr McCluskey requested signs, & pics circulated. Cllrs agreed for 4 signs to be purchased. Cllr McCluskey to order.

\*Approve Digital Voice/Switch Over article for Mardler. Cllrs approved SW's article to be submitted to the next edition of the Mardler.

\*Minutes of PC Minutes (SW) not required at present.

\*Cllr & Clerk Training. Cllr Woodruffe completed new councillor training (e learning) & provided feedback to Cllrs via email. Clerk to complete Agenda, Minutes & Budget training in November. Clerk read list of current training available to Cllrs, however nothing of interest. More training to be announced shortly of which Clerk will inform Cllrs.

\*Xmas Tree Light Switch-On, Brockdish, 6th December at 17.30 hours. Cllr Castagnetti (Vice Chair) informed that it is proposed to purchase a potted & rooted real tree & he will speak with JE re:sizes available & prices. Posters advertising event currently displayed!

The date for Thorpe Abbots is on Saturday 13th December.

\*Proposed Village Fete 2026, Brockdish. Date 4th July 2026. Cllr Castagnetti (Vice Chair) reported a committee meeting is planned for the end of October (Cllrs Clark & Cobbold volunteered to join the committee at PC meeting 31/07/25).

\*Village Sign, Brockdish. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) & Cllr Castagnetti (Vice Chair) met with a local graphic designer to discuss ideas provided by 3 residents (ideas amalgamated). Graphic designer to provide designs by the end of this year. It is planned to erect the proposed new village sign by the bridge, with the stand/post of current village sign proposed to be used as a beacon? Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) reported the new sign will be expensive & this may be a problem.

\*Proposed notice board by Waveney Heights junction (green area), Brockdish. Clerk awaits a response from Saffron & will request a further update.

\*Cllr Woodruffe reported picnic bench on Brockdish Village Green is in need of repair or replacement. It was agreed to replace the picnic bench. Cllr Woodruffe kindly removed the broken picnic bench & has obtained some slabs on which to place a new picnic bench. Clerk to order a new picnic bench for delivery asap.

\*'No Dog Fouling' signs for Brockdish Village Green & Thorpe Abbots. GL has fixed signs to wood & signs in situ - completed..

- \* Cllr Russell reported eroded verges around Thorpe Abbots Pump requires tidying & grass seeds sown. Clerk has contacted GL who will carry out work - in hand.
- \* Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) reported broken sign Nature Reserve at junction of Hall Road/Grove Road, Brockdish. Clerk reported to NCC Trails, response received to say 'Unable to find the problem, so no action was taken. It is possible that the repair has already taken place'.
- \* Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) reported vehicles using farm access on Hall Road, Brockdish to access/exit A143, a fast, dangerous section of road. Contacted the tenant farmer who informed the gates are left open as when shut with chains & locks, these were cut off & removed on several occasions so gave up closing after several replacements. Cllr MacKenzie (Chair) is happy to close gates & tenant farmer in agreement, until signage stating 'Farm Access' can be supplied (spoken with Cllr Bensly & awaiting his reply). Requested further update from Cllr Bensly, awaiting a response.
- \* Footpath 9 Thorpe Abbots/Dickelburgh, obstructed by crops. Clerk reported to NCC. Update received to say: 'we have investigated & have written a letter to the responsible party (landowner) to resolve this issue. Cllr McCluskey reported the field is now ploughed, footpath not accessible. County Cllr Wilby advised the Clerk to contact the NCC Footpath Officer. Clerk has contacted & awaits further update.
- \* Highways signs obscured by foliage. Clerk reported to NCC, update received, work to be undertaken. Works programmed can take up to 6 weeks before completion.
- \* Footpath Scole Road to St. Peters Close, Brockdish is overgrown. Works carried out by Saffron (contractors) however the culvert was left blocked by debris. Clerk reported to Saffron who will contact the contractor to clear.
- \* Resident's car parked on road at St. Peters Close, Brockdish. Clerk checked & vehicle is SORN. Police will not act as the vehicle is not obstructing the highway. SNC following up.
- \* PROW Footpath 3, Foredale Common. Broken stile. Clerk advised NCC the PC does not have ownership of the land, it is registered 'owner unknown' & no livestock are grazed there (May 2025). Stile still insitu, Clerk to request a further update.
- \* Cllr Cobbold raised concerns re: vehicles parking at bus stop, o/s village hall. Police can not take action/enforce no parking. NCC to supply & erect a 'Bus Stop' sign.
- \* Church Road, Brockdish. Overgrown hedges reported to NCC. Update received to say the owner has been contacted. Resolved.
- \* Smell re: Chicken Farm, Thorpe Abbots reported to SNC/EA & resolved.
- \* Village website. AS continues to update the website. NALC website is updated. A new Policy is required re: Assertion 10 (AGAR), Clerk to complete once relevant Information is confirmed.

**10. Payments/Transactions for approval/authorisation: Aug Sept 2025 to date.**  
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT (current). Proposed: CM (Chair) Seconded: EC (Vice Chair)

Payee August	Description	Amount
G. Leech	Grass cutting etc	£246.66
Pearce & Kemp Ltd	Street Light maintenance	£37.50
Leiston Press	Wildlife Friendly Village Leaflets	£98.00
M.A.Sweeney	Website Domain Renewal	£100.00
A.B.Longe	Rental re: BATAAA	£800.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1282.16
income		
BATAA	Rental BATAA	800.00
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS		£800.00
Payee September		
SNC	Dog Bin Emptying Service	£789.60
Pearce & Kemp Ltd	Street Light maintenance	£37.50
G.Leech	Grass Cutting, etc Dog Signs	£261.66
nPower	Street Lights (Feb-Aug)	£1576.83
WVfN	Annual Donation	£500.00
Thorpe Abbots Village Hall	Annual Donation	£700.00
Brockdish Village Hall	Annual Donation	£300.00
WHC	Annual Donation	£300.00
Thorpe Abbots Church	Annual Donation	£500.00
Business Service at CAS Ltd.	Annual Insurance Renewal (LTU 2029)	£571.27
Norfolk PTS	Clerk Training (2 sessions)	£144.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£8215.00
INCOME		
SNC	Precept payment 2	£8215.00
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS		£8215.00
BAL c/f		£19761.11

\*monies we hold: £872.53 re: Brockdish 'Xmas Switch On' donations (village sign?)  
£61.79 re: Brockdish Defibrillator (funds from clothes bank)  
(£5055.84 \*CIL April 2024 Hilltop Farm, Brockdish 2020/1618)

To note: CIL Expenditure report 2024/25 Figures submitted & balance agrees with those held by SNC. Balance is £5055.84.

**11. To consider items for the next Agenda.**

SAM2, Solar upgrade of 2 SID units, Allotment Rental Contract

**12. To consider date of next scheduled meeting:**

To be held on Wednesday 29th October 2025 7pm Brockdish Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.35 hours.

SIGNED: .....DATE.....

Cllr Christine MacKenzie (Chair)

**District Cllr Thompson's report to meeting 25/09/25 APPENDIX A.**

Cllr Delme Thompson: Parish Update September 2025 – Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots.

Firstly, my apologies for not being able to join you at the Masters Of The Air event over the Summer and my sporadic appearances over recent months, due to several ongoing family and work commitments. I'm looking forward to things settling down in the Autumn and to catching up more regularly!

**[Local Government Reorganisation \(LGR\) in Norfolk | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)**

On 24 September, South Norfolk Councillors voted almost unanimously to put forward the proposal for a [A Two Unitary Norfolk.pdf](#) to Central Government, ahead of the deadline of Friday 26 September.

While my personal view is that the entire LGR project is completely unnecessary in the grand scheme of things, I wholeheartedly support the 2 Unitary approach rather than 1 – which would be far too removed from local communities, and 3 – which would risk duplication, increased admin wastage and lack of clarity. Projections of set up cost and savings also place the 2 options as the 'middle ground' - but much is still to be clarified on both sides there.

The government is due to respond to the proposal submission in March 2026.

**Town and Parish Forum**

I have attached the notes from the meeting held on 2 September which includes links to resources that may be useful.

Additionally, the meeting recording is now available to watch here: <https://youtu.be/SzhYjWh7c9k>

The next forum will take place on the **7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm on Teams**. An invite and the agenda will be circulated the week before.

**Winter Pressures Grant** I have been assured that this programme will run again this year and have asked the communities to confirm when applications will open.

Please note – while each application is limited to £500, it is perfectly fine for multiple groups within a parish to apply and receive the grant – as long as they coordinate activities to avoid duplication.

Full details and an example application form are available here: [Winter Pressures Grant | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)

## **Town & Parish Council Forum**

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**14:00 – 15:00**

### **Meeting Overview**

#### **Main Topics:**

1. General update on Devolution and LGR
2. Local Plan Update
3. Broadland Biodiversity Grants
4. Ageing Well Communities Update
5. The Future of your Forum – Feedback from Breakout discussions
6. AOB

### **Devolution and LGR Update (Trevor Holden)**

#### **Devolution:**

- Mayoral elections for Norfolk and Suffolk scheduled for May 2026.
- County Councils are working on forming the County Combined Authority.
- District councils are not constituent members but are supporting the process.
- Awaiting draft order from government.
- Interim appointments (Chief Exec, Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer) expected by year-end.

#### **Local Government Reorganisation:**

- Proposals to be submitted to government by 26th September 2025.



- Expected public agendas around 10th September.
- Three proposals anticipated:
  - o One from County Council.
  - o East-West split from South Norfolk.
  - o Three-way proposal from remaining districts.
- Government no longer promoting creation of new towns/parishes unless strongly justified.
- Shadow authorities to be elected in May 2027 and vested in May 2028.

#### **Funding:**

- Devolution may include a £20M investment fund and £500K capacity funding.
- LGR must be locally funded, primarily through asset realisation.
- No additional central funding for LGR.

#### **Consultation Timeline:**

- Possible government consultation before Christmas.
- Decision expected in Spring 2026.

#### **Local Plan Update (Ben Burgess)**

- New Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) being developed due to:
  - o Increased housing need (from 2,000 to 2,600 homes/year).
  - o Upcoming national development management policies.
  - o Loss of 5-year housing land supply protection.
- Target adoption: Spring 2029.

##### **Key steps:**

- o Baseline data collection.
- o Policy audit.
- o Call for sites (expected early 2026).
- o Review of stalled/deallocated sites.
- o Update of evidence studies.
- South Norfolk Village Cluster Plan remains unaffected and will proceed independently.

#### **Neighbourhood Plans:**

- Funding withdrawn nationally.
- Councils still encouraged to pursue them.
- Contact Richard Squires for support.

### **Broadland's Future for Nature Fund (Mantasha Khan)**

- Grant scheme for biodiversity and green space projects in Broadland.
- Up to £5,000 per project, maximum of 10 projects.
- Criteria: carbon sequestration, biodiversity benefit, public accessibility.
- Eligible applicants: town/parish councils, community groups, charities.
- Workshop: 15th October 2025 at Lingwood Village Hall.
- Application window: 20th October – 24th November 2025.
- Awards announced: 31st December 2025.
- Project delivery: January 2026 – January 2027.

**More information:** [Broadland's 'A Future for Natural Fund' | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)

### **Ageing Well Communities Update (Dan Goodwin)**

- WHO framework introduced to support age-friendly communities.
- 8 domains include housing, transport, social inclusion, etc.
- Town/parish councils encouraged to lead local initiatives.
- Health & Wellbeing Partnerships may offer funding.
- Interested councils should contact Jake from the partnership.

**Contact:** [healthandwellbeingpartnership@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:healthandwellbeingpartnership@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

### **Future of your Forum**

#### **What's Working Well**

- Information Sharing & Networking
  - Valuable for information flow and understanding broader district context.
  - Helps mitigate the loss of Town/Parish Council liaison officers.
  - Attendees can relay key messages back to their councils.
  - Opportunity to learn who's who in the district and put faces to names.
  - Face-to-face and online formats both appreciated.
  - Breakout sessions and informal networking are beneficial.
- Access to Officers
  - Direct access to officers is appreciated.
  - Police attendance is valued; suggestion to include more local agencies.
- Leadership & Structure

- District-led agenda is welcomed.
- Forum seen as a useful platform for collaboration and updates.

### **Suggestions for Improvement**

- Representation & Attendance
    - Consider limiting to 2 reps per council if needed for balance.
    - Ensure parish needs remain central.
  - Meeting Format & Accessibility
    - Rotate meeting times/days to accommodate different schedules (e.g. school pickups).
    - Consider whether Teams is a barrier for some; explore alternatives.
    - More face-to-face meetings, possibly via local clusters (e.g. Acle, Poringland).
  - Agenda & Follow-Up
    - Include agenda items from parishes—check for overlap with annual scrutiny calls.
    - Keep agenda focused on local issues and avoid duplicating other networks' efforts.
    - Provide feedback or updates on previously raised issues (e.g. biodiversity workshops, planning enforcement).
  - Resources & Support
    - Create a directory of key officers and service contacts.
    - Develop a list of trusted contractors (e.g. handypersons) for parish use.
    - Clarify who to contact for issues with council members (e.g. Monitoring Officer).
  - Clustering & Collaboration
    - Explore clustering of parishes for meetings and support.
    - Encourage more interaction and feedback from TPCs to understand local needs.
- Any Other Business**

### **Police Update**

- Summer priority: antisocial behaviour in parks/open spaces.
- Community tensions noted in Diss and Costessey.
- Upcoming priority-setting meetings in Broadland.

**Next Meeting:** 7th October 2025, 14:00-15:00 – Teams

### **District Cllr Hudson's Report for meeting 25/09/25 APPENDIX B.**

Cllr Hudson reported the proposed BESS, Dodd's Wood, Rushall is currently withdrawn. He suggested removal of campaign signs as they could have a detrimental effect on the

housing market.

Informed the meeting of the recent re-registering of electoral postal votes. Paper copy reminders have now been sent out by post to anyone who has not yet taken the opportunity to renew their postal vote.

Updated the meeting on progress re: devolution consultations.

### **County Cllr Wilby's Report for meeting 25/09/25 APPENDIX C.**

Long Stratton Bypass is open for use and already making a huge difference for all the users that drive along the A140 every day as well as the residents of Long Stratton enjoying not having the traffic through their town. Motorists travelling south of Norwich are now enjoying smoother journeys thanks to the opening of the Long Stratton Bypass. The £46.9m project has reached its final stages, with traffic flowing along the full 2.4-mile (3.9km) route east of the town. Designed to divert vehicles from Long Stratton's congested high street, the bypass connects Church Lane in the north to the existing A140 in the south. Construction began in April 2024, and the road was previewed at the start of August during a community open day. The bypass is set to be complete and fully open by October.

Congratulations to all our youngsters on their recent GCSE results especially here at our local schools. Norfolk children have bucked a national trend by improving the county's GCSE pass rate. Pupils across England suffered a slip in pass rates for their GCSEs, although there was an increase in the percentage of top grades handed out. In Norfolk however, both of these metrics increased as the class of 2025 was 66.2pc – an increase of almost 2pc from 64.5pc last year.

A new, nationally recognised proactive intervention scheme is set to be rolled out across the whole of Norfolk. The initiative, which will be delivered in collaboration with local partners including Voluntary, Community and Social enterprises (VCSE), city, district and borough councils and NHS organisations, aims to reduce falls in vulnerable and older residents. Following a successful pilot with 1250 residents, the programme, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify residents at risk of escalating needs, will enhance the safety and wellbeing of those at risk of falls. The latest AI technology, natural language processing is used to 'read' case notes and automatically extract meaningful insight about our residents. This technology enables the council to identify and prioritise individuals in Norfolk most at risk of falling, allows for proactive intervention before they fall.

NCC has secured more than £34 million in new government funding to enhance local transport infrastructure and planning over the next four years. The Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed that Norfolk will receive £32.5 million in capital funding and an additional £2.1 million in resource funding through the Government's Local transport Grant (LTG) programme. The dual funding stream will support both the delivery of physical infrastructure and the capacity to plan, develop and manage projects, helping Norfolk address key priorities such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, enhancing public transport and promoting sustainable travel.

NCC, in partnership with Beryl Bikes and National Grid, is celebrating a major milestone for the county's innovative shared transport scheme, which has now recorded more than two million journeys since its launch in March 2020 (I can remember launching this scheme just before lockdown). By

swapping car journeys for two wheels, riders have helped save around 900 tonnes of CO2, keeping Norwich's air cleaner, streets less congested and communities healthier. A reminder of our Hazardous days during October, all the dates and venues are available on our website at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling)

County Cllr Wilby informed the meeting that he supports Cllr Castagnetti's (Vice Chair) project proposal for a Picnic Bench, Pickleball Equipment & Xmas Lights £450 (from MW's Norfolk Community Fund). Clerk to complete steps to access the funding & if approved by NCC, the funding will be made available.

Traffic calming discussed. District Cllr Wilby informed the meeting that there is a Local Transport Plan, which is reviewed annually. Cllr Clark suggested PC review Local Transport Plan & make representation to NCC. District Cllr Wilby suggested sending ideas to Graham Plant, NCC. Cllr Woodruffe reported speeding is a top priority across the County, however NCC has limited funds available & do the best they can. District Cllr Hudson suggested involving the Press, speed cameras & yellow car! Community speedwatch?

County Cllr Wilby informed that Village Gateways could be purchased under NCC 50/50 PPS.