**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

**October 2024**

**Cabinet Approvals:**

To monitor and work closely with The Norfolk Ambulance Trust. To monitor and update on the progress and effect of the North Walsham Heritage Action Zone. The Wells Neighbourhood Plan was approved. The Budget monitoring included £300K of borrowing AND the proposal to close owned Public Toilets either, fully of during the winter, was introduced.

**Full Council Decisions:**

I asked the cabinet member for property if it was their policy to charge for saving lives! This was on behalf of Overstrand Parish Council who had been invoiced for attaching a defibrillator on Council owned railings.

The cabinet decisions above were approved as were some minor updates the Council’s Constitution.

We – The Conservative Group, protested in respect of the Labour Government’s decision to cancel the Winter Fuel Allowance and attained full agreement to write to the Chancellor in this respect. Agreement was also accepted to promote Pension Credit uptake.

**Coastal Issues**

I was concerned to find out that the Portfolio Holder for Coastal Management (who was absent so I couldn’t ask the question) has not only taken his turn as Chairman of CPE but has been appointed as Chairman of The Broads Authority!

I’m concerned that our coast is slipping down (pardon the pun) in priorities.

**Ward Issues:**

I’m sure the whole ward is mourning the loss of Chris Gurney – the owner and instigator of Northrepps Aerodrome, in August. The huge send-off was totally fitting.

Other that the defibrillator issue and the car park resurfacing issue in Overstrand (still in my pending tray for next Full Council) I have had complaints in respect of Japanese knot weed on the cliffs. Coastal Engineers advise that this is the responsibility of the property owners above with a thought that any growth on the cliffs helps with stability.

Sidestrand are working closely with Sidestrand Hall School in respect of their renovation plans and I was pleased to see that their planning application for a composing toilet at the church has been approved.

Trimingham Coastwise team really are the stars of the show. They have fortnightly update Zoom Meetings with Mott MacDonald who are studying ground water in relation to cliff slips. I must thank Ali Cargill for providing me with the rainfall data to pass on to Motts. Another Coastwise Café is scheduled for November. Also thank you from my elderly terrier who won a second in the veteran’s class at the Trimingham Dog Show.

**Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett**

**Poppyland Ward, NNDC**