

## **Baconsthorpe Parish Council Report: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Please accept my apologies for Monday's meeting, unfortunately because of all the bank holidays there are several meeting clashes including with Bodham where I serve as parish council vice chairman. With our chairman not re-standing I will likely need to kick things off for that.

Firstly I would like to extend my thanks to the residents of Baconsthorpe for electing me to represent them at NNDC, it is an honor and privilege to represent my home parishes. The result of the election was that the Liberal Democrats retained control of the council and will form the new administration. The first meeting of the new council takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

I have already been chasing up some local issues and relevant to Baconsthorpe is the planning application for a campsite (PF/22/2224). I have been in touch with planning officers at the council for an update on this and received the following update: *The applicants for this application have recently submitted an appeal against non-determination to the Planning Inspectorate. This now means that NNDC will not be the decision makers, rather this application will now be determined by the Planning Inspectorate. Usual practice is for NNDC to submit an appeal statement as part of this process where we would set out what our decision would have likely been should we have been able to make it. In this instance, my understanding is that we would have likely looked to refuse the proposed development. I envision that our appeal statement would set this out and it would cover the various planning considerations relating to the case. We would also set out and expand upon any consultee comments received during the course of the application.*

I am told to expect the above process to take anywhere between 5 and 15 months because of delays at the planning inspectorate.

Elsewhere in the district work is getting underway this week on a solar canopy over the carpark at The Reef swimming pool in Sheringham. This is a good use of the space and solar canopies like this are commonplace across Europe. As a nation we are lagging a bit behind but it is really positive to see NNDC leading the way. Our leisure centres are by their very nature quite significant emitters of CO<sub>2</sub> and this will go some way towards offsetting that, but also should help it be more resilient to energy price increases in future.

Finally my council email is [callum.ringer@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:callum.ringer@north-norfolk.gov.uk) and my contact mobile is 07824381519 and I look forward to hearing from the parish council and local residents with any concerns, in particular issues with missed bin collections of which I know there have been a number of incidences.

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