

WARHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 16 JULY – BY EMAIL

NNDC Report from Richard Kershaw

NNDC has been busy over the lockdown period. It established resilience centres around the district to help with the distribution of food and medicines to those in need. From 10 centres initially we were able to reduce the number to 2 as systems got up and running.

The Council has also distributed £52.2m (95% of identified total) to 4738 businesses out of an estimated total of 4980 of Small Business Grants. NNDC outperformed the other Norfolk councils in amount distributed and businesses helped.

The Council also designed and implemented a Discretionary Grant Scheme which has, to date, distributed £1.06m to 122 businesses who were not eligible for the Small Business Grant Scheme. Round 2 of the Discretionary Scheme is being allocated now. NNDC again distributed more money to more businesses than then other councils. This is due to the first-rate performance of the Officers in the Economic Development Team, designing the scheme, liaising with businesses and ensuring the timely payment of the grants. It has been a very impressive operation.

Social Distancing decals and notifications have been deployed accross the District. The money for this came from a @93k grant from Central Government.

Visit North Norfolk have designed a “Good to Go” accreditation scheme for holiday accommodation and the leisure industry as we try to restart the economy safely.

Council is working on a recovery plan which is a moving target at present but, once again our Officers have worked tirelessly to help achieve results.

Best,

Cllr Richard Kershaw

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Parishes of Binham/Cockthorpe, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Gunthorpe, Hindringham,

Langham, Thursford, Warham and Wighton.