

January - Priory Parish Council Report

Please find attached my report for the above period.

As always if you believe I can be of help or assistance as your District Councillor please do get in touch.

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PSPO – Public Space Protection Orders (Dogs)

These PSPO's are in relation to the control of dogs in public places (keeping them on leads). Following a public consultation, the Council has resolved to add the following areas to the existing sites within the District. Key changes include the addition of three play parks, the permitting of dogs on leads in Fakenham churchyard and modification to the PSPO at Mundesley and the inclusion of the beach at East Runton, in line with the Blue Flag status. There were some other minor changes to existing sites.

Car Parking Fees and Charges

Car parking fees and season ticket charges will increase from the 1st of April in line with CPI inflation of 3.8%. However, there will be no pricing increase in 'Standard Towns', the aim is to keep any price increase for local residents to a minimum.

Cromer Pier

Cromer Pier is an iconic structure within North Norfolk and a significant attraction for many thousands of visitors every year. It is a Grade 2 listed structure which was constructed in 1901. It is set in an extremely harsh environment, and these factors combine to require a significant and ongoing maintenance regime.

Part of the maintenance regime for the pier includes annual structural surveys to identify remedial works with a more detailed survey undertaken every five years.

Council received a report summarising the results of the latest detailed survey, which has been undertaken by the Hemsley Orrell Partnership (HOP). This survey identified a number of high priority works to be completed, alongside medium term works, and low risk works.

£250k of money has been added to the Capital Works Programme to complete the high priority works during the slower season we are currently in.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

MHCLG's consultation on the future shape of local government in Norfolk closed last night. Ministers and officials will now begin the process of assessing the submissions, including the Three Unitary model backed by NNDC, along with the responses submitted by statutory consultees and the public. We expect a decision on which of the three options the Government intends to move forward with towards the end of March, but the timeframe is not set in stone.

Planning – The New Local Plan was formally adopted at the Full Council meeting in December.

Norfolk Warm Homes

Did you know that Norfolk Warm Homes can fund:

- ✓ Solar panels
- ✓ Loft and cavity wall insulation
- ✓ Flat and room-in-roof insulation
- ✓ Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)
- ✓ High Heat Retention Storage Heaters

In suitable houses in north Norfolk. 25/26 funding closes on **16 January 2026** although enquiries being taken for 26/27.

Eligible households include those with an income of less than £36k per annum or those on one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Pension Credit (savings and guarantee)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit

For more details please visit <https://norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk/>. Please encourage eligible residents to apply.

Interested in Water Fountains?

A colleague brought the information below to my attention, I believe this may only be useful information for some villages.

It is for up to £2500 per applicant towards the cost of water fountains in an effort to reduce plastic waste in our seas. The closing date for applications is 21st Feb 26

[Coastal Fountain Fund 2026 | Sea-Changers](#)

Reporting Planning issues or Highlighting General Concerns

Thank you to those of you have brought your concerns to me over the last month. Please never worry about dropping me a line or calling me if something in your local area is concerning you and you need help to fix it – if I am not aware I can't do what I can to help.

