

## **July 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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## **District Council General**

### **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.**

I hope you had the chance to attend one of the two briefings organised to update Town and Parish Councils at the end of last month, I understand that they were very well received.

Fact finding and the building of reports continues and as such there is not much to update on this subject this month, it is likely it will be pretty much the same story in August.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July the Government introduced the English Devolution and Empowerment Bill to Parliament.

Key Dates to watch –

15-19 September – Full Council will meet to sign off its Unitary Authority proposal submission

26<sup>th</sup> September – Submission of full business case to Government

Early 2026 – Government announces the Unitary model for Norfolk.

Full Council in July will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

(Don't forget you can watch all formal meetings of your Council online as they happen and recorded – at [www.youtube.com/@nndcedemocracy](https://www.youtube.com/@nndcedemocracy))

We have a packed agenda including – a number of financial update reports and recommendations.

- reports from several other of the Councils committees – Overview and Scrutiny, Development Committee, Licensing Committee
- and a debate on Local Government Reorganisation

A full update will be included in next months report.

## **Coastal Defences**

We are pleased to report that the coastal defence schemes we have been working on with partners at Cromer and Mundesley have now been completed. The schemes are now delivering protection to over 600 homes in these locations. These programmes received approximately £25 million pounds worth of funding, and moved 21,000 tonnes of rock positioned to disperse energy from the incoming waves helping to protect the sea walls.

## **Fakenham Leisure Centre**

Development of the new Fakenham Leisure Centre is scheduled to start before the end of 2025, I will keep you updated on how this project is progressing.

## **Blue Flags**

In case you are not aware we regained our two lost Blue Flags and are proud to be able to say we are back to six for the 2025 season. They are Sheringham, West Runton, East Runton, Cromer, Mundesley, and Sea Palling.

## **Green Flag Awards**

North Norfolk District Council is proud to have received the Green Flag Award for Holt Country Park, Pretty Corner Woods and Sadler's Wood for 2025.

2025 marks the 21st consecutive year that Holt Country Park has received the prestigious Green Flag Award.

The Countryside team continues to work hard every year to ensure that the woodlands are well-maintained and exceptional natural outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The [Green Flag Award](#) scheme is managed by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

Each year, they set requirements that parks and green spaces have to meet and continue improving. These requirements include:

- Excellent park management
- Meeting accessibility requirements
- Must be easily navigable with directional signage and information boards
- Must be a clean space for residents and visitors
- Good litter and waste management
- Providing a healthy, safe and secure environment
- Environmental management
- Community involvement
- Conservation of biodiversity, landscape and heritage

The Council's green spaces regularly hold community engagement events, where visitors can engage in activities such as tree planting or giveaways, volunteer conservation days and family events.

Throughout the summer holidays, Pretty Corner Woods and Holt Country Park host many events catering to adults, children, and families. These include orienteering, self-led trails, activity days, and creative events such as rock painting and woodcraft animals.

### **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.

