PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JANUARY 2022

Borough Councillor Sam Sandell – Cabinet Member for People and Communities

Hello. I would like to start by saying Happy New Year to you all.

The Borough Council has continued to work very hard through the continued covid pandemic.

Over the Christmas period our of ours service had 23 homeless people presented themselves to the service. There was a mixture of reasons prison release, hospital discharge, domestic violence, family/relationship breakdowns and some with covid. These were given a pod to self isolate with provisions. Other people were immediately placed in B&B accommodation which we had secured before Christmas to make sure we had enough provision.

The Cabinet meeting in January has approved the CTS Support for working age people for 2022/2023. The scheme is a reduction awarded to people on low incomes to help with the cost of their council task bill. There are a number of people who are in a protected group and receive a higher amount of CTS due to their circumstances, including those receiving disability premium, carers allowance who are or responsible for a child under 5. Pension age people are paid under the national set of rules and will be unaffected by the proposed scheme.

This has to be agreed by full council in the March meeting. We have increased it to 84% it was 75%. We were the lowest in the other local authorities. Norwich is 100% support.

James Wilde MP sent me a text message to say that The RT HON Micheal Gove MP closes tax loop hole on second homes. There is more information and a press release on the government website. It is from the department for levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

CIL funding is still open until Feb 1st if you have any projects that you want to do in the village. I didn’t read the small print but it does say that ward members must be made aware of any applications.

I still have my £1000.00 for any small projects within my ward. I cannot give any to Parish Councils sadly. Any youth or sports groups, coffee morning groups please get in touch.

As some of you may know the application Land North of Tower Road Burnham Norton was withdrawn by the applicant on the 6th Jan so this did not go to Committee. I did send a letter objecting to this application as the ward member. The Enforcement team will pick up the unauthorised works direct with the applicant.