***Mulbarton Parish Council report 2nd Oct 23***

* ***Grants***

I attended the Town & Parish forum two weeks ago. Andy Sexton, Pride in Place Relationship Manager, gave a presentation on Pride in Place grants. Grant applications from round one and two are underway and round three will open in November. There is a total of £379,386.00 available. Further details can be found on the South Norfolk website. Also, a reminder that Members Ward Grants are available and of course funding has been secured to upgrade the entrance to the Community Hub. Work commencing 23rd Oct.

* **Sale of Long Stratton Building.**

A decision has been made regarding the application by Long Stratton Town Council to secure **‘Assets of Community Value’** status on the building. This status has not been granted and the sale options of South Norfolk House will, no doubt, be discussed at the forthcoming full council meeting.

* ***Nutrient Neutrality***

The plans to relax these rules have been turned down by the House of Lords. House building will therefore once again be put on hold, but as discussed previously a joint venture with Anglian Water has been launched where housebuilders will be able to ‘offset’ the impact of developments by buying ‘credits’ to fund mitigation measures.

* ***East Anglia Green, now ‘Norwich to Tilbury’ update:***

Last week, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex's county councils jointly wrote to National Grid expressing concerns about the scheme. The council leaders said the scheme would have a significant impact on landscapes and local communities, as well as claiming an offshore solution "has not been sufficiently investigated".

* **Charles Banner KC** continues to advise the campaign group and has issued a six-page document examining the ‘legal adequacy’ of the latest non-statutory public consultation exercise. Advising on the first non-statutory consultation in June 22 he concluded it was ‘deficient’. In his latest report Charles Banner concludes:

*‘Further, there is a real risk that the legal deficiencies in the current consultation will, if still left uncorrected, infect the later statutory consultation (which would in turn mean that the intended Development Consent Order application cannot lawfully be accepted by the Planning Inspectorate).’*

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