**Mulbarton PC Report 19th February 2024**

**Grants**

 Members ward grants close on 1st March. Your District Councillors have allocated their contributions for this period. The 24/25 period will commence from April 24.

**Hethersett Academy /Inspiration Trust**

A year 7 admissions policy is to be presented at the South Norfolk Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21st Feb. Believing that all parents and children deserve a fair choice of schools…that the admission authorities in Norfolk should review and improve over-subscription critera…Schools Code should be improved to give parents fairer access to schools of their choice. The full motion can be found on the South Norfolk website.

**Budget 24/25**
Budget plans are expected to be agreed at SNC Council on Wednesday 21st Feb. Higher interest rates have created a margin in plans and the major parties are agreeing to some small last-minute amendments. Liberal Democrats are championing retention of a flood officer and the Business Regulatory Support Hub. Both are currently pilot projects.

**Flooding on B1113**

District Councillors are still active in attempting to resolve this. Again, the area was visited over the weekend of 17th/18th Feb when conditions throughout the entire were particularly bad. As this appears to be primarily the responsibility of Highways, your County Councillor, Daniel Elmer has been emailed but there has been no response. We have also tried to contact County Councillor Graham Plant, the cabinet lead for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport. There is no update since the January report.

**Greater Norwich Local Plan**

The recent SNC Town & Country Forum included a briefing on the Greater Norwich Plan. The inspector’s report is expected to support the plan when published in Mid-February. The Plan will then be adopted by the 3 councils in March. The second South Norfolk village clusters consultation has now closed. It is expected to be Q3 2025 before this part of the plan can be adopted, following a review by the inspector. The Greater Norwich Local Plan update document is attached.

**World Cafes**

The South Norfolk & Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership brings together a wide range of bodies with an interest in health and wellbeing. Two world café events are planned for March in Diss and Reepham. These events will provide residents an opportunity to meet in an informal setting to discuss key health topics with a particular focus on prevention and health inequalities. Parish Councils are encouraged to promote and attend these events. Further information can be provided.

**Hornsea 3 Community Fund**

This has now opened. Grants from **£500 up to £75,000** are available.

To check eligibility and for further information visit **www.grantscape.org.uk**

 **‘Norwich to Tilbury’ Update**

The formal consultation for this project is planned to start soon. For further information visit <https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk>

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