

Stoke Holy Cross District Councillor Report 24th October 2024

Grants

At present Member Ward Grants for 2024/25 have been fully reserved. Requests for future support with small projects (up to £1,000 usually) to benefit the local community can be made to your District Councillors.

Household Waste Removal – Fines of at least £120

South Norfolk Council are planning a campaign to raise consumer awareness of their responsibility for household waste disposal. Any resident found responsible for fly-tipping is liable for a fine of between £120 and £1,000. Residents are reminded that this extends to any waste disposed of by an unauthorised carrier, so asking to see waste removal permits is a good idea when using a builder or any waste removal company. Companies can be searched at the National on-line database:

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-operations>

Food Waste Collection

South Norfolk Council is not planning to introduce domestic food waste collection until 2026. Commercial organisations will need to arrange separate collection of food waste from March 2025.

South Norfolk Civic Charity Concert

Cllr. Sharon Blundell is hosting the Civic Charity Concert at 7pm on Thursday 14 November at Wymondham Abbey. The concert is in support of MIM Youth Services and Costessey First Responders. It is hosted by Stephen Yallop and will feature talented young voices from Voice Junction. Tickets from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/snc-civic-charity-concert-tickets-1015371532587>

Defibrillator Grants

The charity LondonHearts has received an award from the Dep. Of Health & Social Care to install 1,100 defibrillators. Matched funding of £750 is required. Applications via <http://www.defibgrant.co.uk/>.

Design Code Consultation

The second online consultation on the new Design Code for South Norfolk & Broadland is open until 5pm on Monday 11th November. The consultation focuses on the draft vision for the design code, and the priorities and opportunities for the different character areas identified. The elements specifically relating to medium sized villages like Stoke Holy Cross is attached.

<https://southnorfolkandbroadland.placechangers.co.uk/page>

South Norfolk Recycling Centres

Visits to recycling centres in Norfolk after 18th November will need to be booked. This includes the Norwich South Recycling, Harford Bridge. According to Norfolk County Council, this is to smooth out demand, especially at busier sites, manage additional tonnage caused by changes in recent DIY legislation and to prevent unauthorised use of sites by traders. It is a simple and quick booking process and full details can be found on: www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking

Town & Parish Council Summit

Parish councils are encouraged to register for the annual summit meeting on 13th November at 9.30am at the Horizon Centre. The summit includes advice and new resources to help in the recruitment of Parish Councillors.

ProtecWinter Preparedness

A focus of South Norfolk Council is encouraging communities to prepare for winter and further adverse weather:

- Community organisations can apply for a winter pressures grant of up to £500 <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/community-funding/winter-pressure-grant> .
- The Council is producing a flooding prevention action plan.
- Residents living in properties at risk of flooding are encouraged to prepare for the winter.
- Parish Councils are encouraged to check that local emergency plans are up to date.

'Norwich to Tilbury' Update

National Grid has announced that it is now be undertaking a number of surveys along the proposed route of the pylons, to help refine and complete its application for planning permission (known as a Development Consent Order or DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate in Summer 2025.

PylonsEastAnglia are continuing to campaign against the pylon proposals. For further information visit <https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk/actions>

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Extract from Design Code Consultation

The Consultation considers four classifications of settlement pattern in South Norfolk:

- Norwich Fringe Settlements including Costessey, Cringleford & Trowse;
- Market Towns & Key Service Centres including Wymondham and Poringland/Framingham Earl;
- Medium & Large Villages including Mulbarton, Stoke Holy Cross & Shotesham; and
- Dispersed Settlements & Countryside including smaller villages such as East Carleton and Hethel.

While Upper Stoke is considered part of the Poringland Key Service Centre, most of Stoke Holy Cross is classified in the Medium & Large Village Category. The issues and opportunities for medium and large villages are suggested to be:

Key issues:

- Safety/attractiveness of pedestrian and active travel routes
- Loss of mature landscape features (e.g. hedgerows)
- Speed of vehicle traffic (particularly at edges of villages), and congestion on wider street network

Key opportunities:

- Retain 'rural' character of village, for example the importance of village greens/centres
- Use of locally distinctive, traditional materials (e.g. red brick, flint etc)
- Views and visual impact to local landmarks (particularly with regards to local landmarks e.g. windmills/churches)
- Retain and enhance physical and visual connection to the countryside
- Protecting and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and their setting (e.g. listed buildings, farmhouses etc) – protecting views from these to the countryside. Any architectural response to adjacent listed buildings must be carefully considered (not pastiche).
- Varied typologies - design approach to new development may result in more variation in patterns of development e.g. courtyards, farmsteads
- Improved connections to centres/services
- 'Gateways' into the villages to address congestion and speed of vehicles (positioning/placement of housing – using the built form to mark the transition into a village)
- Reinforcing status/identity of villages (e.g. signs, heritage, use of colour, white marker stones)

The issues and opportunities for Key Service Centres (including Upper Stoke) are suggested to be:

Key Issues:

- Development out of character or scale with context
- New developments lack integration/physical connections to existing settlements
- Linear/dispersed development pattern

Key opportunities:

- New homes should be contextual, and respond to local character. But in some instances, there is an opportunity for contemporary, sustainable and innovative design responses

- Impact of the landscape, and mature features e.g. trees/hedgerows
- Views and visual impact (particularly with regards to any heritage features or local landmarks e.g. windmills/churches)
- Retain and enhance physical and visual connection to the countryside
- Retain the importance of existing centres. New development might not provide a new centre necessarily (dependent on its scale), but regardless, it is important to maintain the hierarchy of the existing settlement centre and support the services/facilities within this.
- Safe/attractive connections to the services (and reinforcing/supporting local businesses)
- Opportunity to provide new green/open space (particularly where they are lacking existing provision)
- Reinforcing status/identity of towns (e.g. signs, use of colour, white marker stones)