

Chairman's Annual Report 20-4-26

The Council has strong reservations about the application by Abel Homes for 53 dwellings off Church Street. The application has yet to be determined by Broadland District Council. It is likely that development will go ahead in some form as this area was designated for housing in the Greater Norwich Plan.

After installing new play equipment at Horsham Park last year the Council have decided to use some of the remaining funds generated from the levy on the Manor Road development to provide additional play equipment at Newton Park. The zip wire support beam had rotted and it was decided that it was uneconomical to repair so it has been removed. The Council will consider a replacement when future funds allow. In addition, improvements have been made to the entrance from Manor Road and tree surgery has been done on all the trees along the Newton Street boundary.

The SAM2 speed monitoring sign was purchased and can now be located on rotation at four different sites in the village.

The order has been placed for re-thatching the bus shelter at Swan Plain and this should be done in late summer. This will be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy on new developments.

There has been an unusually high turnover in allotment plots during the past few months and several had been left in a very poor state. Councillors will be carrying out an inspection in May.

The Council co-opted Karl Smith and Jan Bamber during the year and the one remaining vacancy will be discussed at the May meeting.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk for his assistance and advice to all members of the Council