

Budget.

The council has prepared a revised budget for 2025 , the council faces difficult choices to balance the books , the proposals will be first subject to scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which meets on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month before it is presented to cabinet then full council for approval on 19<sup>th</sup> February .

Digital Roll out, the programme is fundamental to improved connectivity for rural parishes , particularly relevant to parishes in the Stibbard Ward, I am trying to understand the roll out timing programme.

County Council Elections

A decision will be made in the next two weeks if these will go ahead for the Norfolk County Council .

Government Devolution plans.

Conversations are continuing between adjacent District Councils and County Councils to arrive at a common approach to the proposed unitary authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, welcome your thoughts from a parish council perspective.

Changes to Planning Policy and organisation structure,

The Government has brought forward proposals aimed at streamlining the planning process , which are now being evaluated by the planning department at NNDC ,

The main changes involve :

The establishment of a separate planning committee to review major strategic planning proposals aimed at improving economical growth .

Mandatory Planning Training for members of the Develop Committee that reviews planning proposals, NNDC has already implemented this proposal

NNDC Planning team has been awarded the Platinum Award for the processing of planning proposals.

Kind Regards,

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Serving the parish's of Fulmodeston, Great Ryburgh, Hindolveston, Kettlestone, Swanton Novers, Thurning and Wood Norton.sr

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