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Leadership Changes:

Cliff Jordan has died just two weeks after he was diagnosed with Cancer. His funeral was attended by at least 300 people. Tributes acknowledge his reputation for a straight talking Norfolk man a who did what he felt was best for Norfolk people

A Leadership election has followed with the appointment of Andrew Proctor who has been a County Councillor for at least 15 years and Leader of Broadland District Council for at least 10 of those years. He is a pragmatic leader who will be fair, consistent and evaluate any policies with a clear head for the economic value and social need
Huge experience in both politics and banking

Childrens Services

Proposals to establish more special needs schools as at present children are having to travel long distances at huge costs in taxi services as insufficient local facilities. Capital costs will be extensive but long term savings possible with reduced transport costs.

Adult Social Services.

More initiatives in supporting independence at home and reducing needs for hospital care. An increase in social workers to support quicker discharge home once medical needs no longer necessary

Environment Development and Transport

Consultation regarding proposals for the Western Link to the NDR across the Wensum Valley completed. Absolutely essential and support by most people and the Hospital (NNUH) in particular. Environmentalist still resistant.

Completion of the Hales Roundabout whihc has had a major impact on locals who feel safe at last with reduced speeds and safe lay-bys for buses to stop. Traffic flowing well.
Still no resolution concerning the Mundham roundabout. Houses not selling fast enough so no major increase in traffic

Norfolk Day Celebrations 27th July

Launch of “Norfolk Womens Aspiration Charter.” On Norfolk Day Event at County Hall with women from a diverse range of backgrounds including young entrepreneurs to Consultant Cardiologist and a Judge. All are sharing experiences of overcoming challenges which might have prevented them from aiming high and obtaining the skills they need to progress in life and achieving their goal.

Chairmans Role update

My role continues to be busy and out of the politics of county council for the year but never the less I am happy to take any local concerns you have to the appropriate Officers.

Recent events include the Opening Of the National Writers Centre at Dragon Hall in Norwich. Writers can stay in the centre whilst they spend time improving their skills and gain experience from other writers.

Attending the presentation of achievement awards at UEA to young children between ages of 6 and 18 who are in care and have been subjected to major social and emotional challenges. Their achievements may look minor to the average child but are major in their world and recognition means so much

Civic receptions and award ceremonies across the county

Walking in front with the Lord Mayor of Norwich in the street procession cheering on the floats and sharing the excitement after our win against Sweden (Football)

Royal British Legion Civic Ceremony and changing of the Flag Standard in Kings Lynn etc etc and far too many canapés and sandwiches!!!