



# Great Snoring Parish Council

## NEWSLETTER

### Summary of Meeting on Thursday 8 September 2016

The opening formalities were followed by reports from the County & District Councillors, & a written report from the Police. Since the previous meeting the police had recorded 1 x road relation call; 1 x trespass; 1 x theft & numerous calls in relation to the travellers who had been in the area.

Planning applications had been received: the Manor House, Barsham Road - change of use of part of paddock to residential curtilage, retention of the gravel hard-standing area for storage of boats and visitor cars and the relocation & alterations to the existing boarded fence on roadside boundary; & at Dildash House, The Street - retrospective application for replacement of a garden timber studio in rear garden. The response from Historic England regarding the listed building at Top Farm was noted '... it is not within the remit of Historic England to contribute to discussions on the deterioration of a grade II listed building, but the local planning authority would invite us to comment on an application for listed building consent ...', it was agreed to raise the matter with the Conservation Officer at the District Council.

The venue of Parish Council meetings & the cost was discussed. It was agreed, reluctantly, to pay the The Club £150 for six meetings per annum if there was no increase for at least 5 years. It was decided that the Parish Council would not provide wi-fi for the Social Club.

As well as approving payments it was noted that the Annual Audit had been completed – the external auditors, Mazars, had no reasons for concern.

It was noted with appreciation that Highways had renovated the signpost on the lower knoll. The suggestion to have a red hawthorn in the churchyard, as a replacement for the oak on the lower knoll, had been declined by the PCC. However the Tree Officer had accepted the Liquidambar on the Fakenham Road knoll as a suitable replacement & no further action was required. The problems of non-collection from dog bins appeared to have been resolved but the bins would still be monitored. Problems of people not cleaning up after their dogs appeared to occur during holiday periods.

Residents had raised concerns about rats on Fakenham Road & Thursford Road. It was emphasised that rat control is the responsibility of the occupier who should seek professional advice which was available via the District Council.

Dates were agreed for a general maintenance/tidy up on Sunday 2 October (now 16 Oct) and for a litter pick on Sunday 30 October.

A number of issues were raised to report to Highways including potholes on Barsham & Snoring Roads; flooding at Duck End; & raised ironworks on The Street. The Clerk was also asked to request the removal of the bus stop 'flags'. The work to replace the Parish Clock dial was confirmed: RBS Engineering to supply & paint a 5'6" x 3mm stainless steel clock dial; Colin Walton to supply new hands; Basil Huggins to gild the dial & hands. It was agreed to take up the offer from CITB for steeplejack apprentices to help with re-instating the clock dial on the tower. A generous benefactor has promised funding but we need to raise the shortfall plus ongoing maintenance of the clock. It was agreed that H Seekings & J Lockhart would put together ideas for requesting donations to raise money for the shortfall & to build up a Parish Clock maintenance fund.

A gathering for allotment tenants to be arranged.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7 pm on **Thursday 10 November 2016**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The full minutes can be seen on the notice board or at [www.norfolkrc.org.uk](http://www.norfolkrc.org.uk)

## Councillors

### Chairman

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## The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

**Thursday 10 November**  
**7.00pm**

Members of the public are invited to attend. There is an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise matters of concern.



## Parish Clock Appeal

**The clock dial, installed by parishioners in 1902, is corroded beyond repair. It therefore falls to us, as a parish, to fund a replacement.**

A new dial, plus installation, will cost around £5,000.00. A generous benefactor has promised funding but we need to raise the shortfall plus ongoing maintenance of the clock. We, the Parish Council, are proposing a scheme whereby you can buy some time.

We would like to suggest a minimum of £5.00 a minute to help get the hands turning again.

If you are able to help by buying a little time, Parish Councillors will be in the church on -

**Saturday 8 October - 10am to 4pm**

to answer any questions and receive donations, plus a display about the history of the clock. If you prefer, please deliver donations to Tuns-Lea, Thursford Road or Mill House, The Street, either cash or cheque made payable to Great Snoring Parish Council.

## Sale of Old Clock Dial

The Parish Council has received an offer for the purchase of the old clock dial but it would be desirable for it to remain in the village, so residents are invited to submit offers over £100.00.

Please deliver bids to Mill House, The Street or email the Chairman at [suzi@pannells.plus.com](mailto:suzi@pannells.plus.com) by Monday 17 October.

The dial is 5' 6" in diameter & of considerable weight.

## POWER CUT? call 105

Key points to note are:

- dialling **105** will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines & substations that deliver electricity into homes & businesses
- **105** is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. They can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.
- **105** is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- customers can call **105** no matter who they buy electricity from.
- customers can also call **105** if they spot damage to electricity power lines & substations that could put anyone in danger.

## Dr Marie Strong - Norfolk County Councillor

**Devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk:** the devolution process continues to become more & more confusing. The briefest & simplest statement I can make is that Norfolk County Councillors across the political spectrum have given strong if cautious support to devolving powers & finance down from government but have no enthusiasm for setting up an additional tier of local government with a mayor. Whilst Norfolk has nearly 1 million residents the consultation for Norfolk & Suffolk achieved just under eleven thousand respondents.

**Adults at Risk of Abuse:** if someone you know is being abused call NCC Adult Social Services on 0344 800 8020 24 hours a day; text 07767 647670; email [SCCE@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:SCCE@norfolk.gov.uk); [online.norfolk.gov.uk/socialcareenquiry](http://online.norfolk.gov.uk/socialcareenquiry). Leaflets are available in the library. You can also use these contacts if you are worried about a child.

**Hi-tech Access to Library Services:** the latest tool service from NCC's library service is Spydus Mobile, a free app. The app allows users to search for books, place holds on interesting items, download e-books & e-audio books, keep track of their library account & manage their loans. To download Spydus Mobile for Apple & Android devices visit the App Store or Google Play & select Norfolk Library & Information Service.

## Walter Jones

Sadly Wally died peacefully in the Maltings on 28 August aged 98. Wally and Vera, his wife, moved to Great Snoring in 1978 seeking a more peaceful life. Vera died in 2003 and Wally continued to live at his bungalow until his health deteriorated.

## Boundary Commission Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

**Eastern Initial Proposals Summary**  
The Boundary Commission for England is an independent & impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

It is proposed that Great Snoring will remain in the Broadland Parliamentary Constituency along with Fakenham. Among other changes Briston will join the Broadland Parliamentary Constituency & Aylsham will move to the North Norfolk Constituency. More information can be found on the website: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32695546](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32695546).

As well as responding directly to the Boundary Commission [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) please do let the Parish Council know your views by emailing [greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com](mailto:greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com)

## Village Clear-up

As we are tending to get less done by NNDC & NNCC so it will fall upon us to keep the village tidy eg cutting back around & washing signs sweeping paths

Can you join us for an hour on **Sunday 16 October**

meet at Mill House - 10am  
please bring gloves & secateurs

## Autumn Litter Pick

Can you join us for an hour to keep our village looking good

**Sunday 30 October**

meet at Mill House - 10am  
please bring thick gloves

## Road users reminded to look out for each other

Drivers & cyclists are being urged to look out for each other, as part of a joint drive by Norfolk County Council & Norfolk Constabulary to reduce the number of cyclist casualties on the road.

'Mind out for each other' encourages all road users to be more considerate towards each other with the aim of helping to make Norfolk's roads safer – for both cyclists & motorists. Norfolk is regarded as a safe place to cycle.

This campaign comes in response to the increasing number of adults taking up cycling, & the rising number of cyclists killed or seriously injured on Norfolk's roads. 48 pedal cyclists were killed or seriously injured on Norfolk's roads in 2015.

For further information, including tips on how car drivers & cyclists can help keep each other safe, please visit [www.think.norfolk.gov.uk/mindout](http://www.think.norfolk.gov.uk/mindout)

## Bonfires

Please consider neighbours when lighting a bonfire. Bonfires are only permitted on the allotments for allotment holders burning material produced on their plot.

## Wansy Bayly Wayside Garden Prize 2016

Judged by Peter & Stella Challen in July

- First - South House Fakenham Road
- Second - White House Dildash Lane
- Third - 3 Thursford Road

Highly Commended -

- 24 Thursford Road
- White House The Street
- Cherry Tree Cottage