



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Report from Recent Parish Council Meetings

Following the opening formalities both the District and County Councillors reported from their respective councils.

Planning: two applications had been received. 3 Thursford Road - a first floor side extension and conservatory to rear. South House, Fakenham Road - conversion and alterations of existing detached garage/storage building to create annexe. The Parish Council had no objection to either and the District Council has approved the latter.

Financial Business: in the November meeting the Council considered the Budget for 2018-19. It was agreed to increase the Precept by 3% to £3,500 in order to cover the expected expenses for the forth-coming year.

It was noted that most of the allotment rents had been received, but a few tenants would need to be reminded again. It was decided to use a new contractor AM Cultivating to cut the three knolls and Gurney's Ground for the season as their quote was considerably cheaper than the others that had been received.

Allotments: some progress had been made in clearing the top allotment and further work would be done when conditions improved. A councillor reported that concern had been raised about cockerels. It was noted that these were not excluded from allotments until the new tenancy agreement came into effect in October, so any concerns/complaints should be directed to Environmental Health at the District Council. It was agreed to allow the Social Club to use Gurney's Ground for a summer fete on 24 June free of charge providing the Club was not making a profit on this event. It was confirmed that proceeds would be split between the Air Ambulance and the on-going maintenance of the Defibrillator.

Highways: several items were noted to report to Highways namely ivy falling over road at Duck End; overgrown hedge at Thorpland opposite cottages; pot-hole on Barsham Road/Water Lane before the barn; sandbags left from diversion signage on Houghton/Barsham crossroads. It was noted that for technical reasons the 'Minute Man' (traffic census) could not be put at the locations suggested on Thursford Road or The Street. However other possible locations were put forward that might meet the specifications. The County Councillor promised to forward the information to the police for consideration. It was noted with disappointment that Highways would not be able to erect a Horse Riding warning sign at Duck End for the following reasons: '*... This is a narrow rural lane and drivers should drive appropriately and expect sharp bends and horse riders along with slow tractors, walkers and cyclists. Anyone driving at an inappropriate speed or in an inappropriate way is clearly showing little common sense and is therefore unlikely to take any notice of signage. As this is also within a 30mph speed limit the current policy is not to put up additional signs, indeed we are not replacing signs such as crossroads ahead, junction ahead etc. within 30mph limits.*'

General Data Protection Regulation: a new policy which comes into force in May, was discussed and a working group set up to programme the requirements for the Parish Council.

Parish Council: suggestion from residents for Parish Council information to be uploaded to Facebook was considered. Reference was made to the draft GDPR policy regarding Data Breaches '*...it is unacceptable for employees, volunteers and members to use IT in any way that may cause problems for the Council, for example the discussion of internal council matters on social media sites could result in reputational damage for the Council and to individuals.*' It was decided that the Parish Council would not use social media, information about the Parish Council was available online on the official Parish Council website <http://greatsnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> agenda and minutes were

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

Thursday 8 March
7.00pm

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

put up on the notice board, and communication with the council could be done via telephone, letter or email via the Parish Clerk or by speaking to Councillors.

It was noted that the Parish Council always had a point towards the beginning of the meeting for Public Participation. The Standing Orders also allowed for the Chairman of the meeting to invite members of the public, county or district councillors to speak at other times in the meeting if this was deemed appropriate.

It was noted with thanks that J Lockhart had put up the plaque in the church tower to mark the installation of the new clock dial in 2016.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7pm on Thursday 8 March 2018 at the Social Club. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Full minutes can be seen on website and the village notice board.

Village Emergency Plan

The winter winds have certainly taken their toll this year with resultant power-cuts. It was heartening to hear how people rallied round and helped each other but, as a community, we need to ensure we are resilient in the face of adverse conditions.

The Parish Council is now in the final stage of a complete revision of the village Emergency Plan. This will provide detailed information on how to keep us

safe in the event of a range of problems: heavy snow; power-cuts; flooding; chemical spillage

Once the Plan is agreed we will need to work on its implementation and we will need help. Do you have a 4x4, a chainsaw, knowledge of first aid or would you be happy to 'be there' on the day to do whatever is necessary to see the village safe?

We will tell you how we are progressing in the next newsletter.

Resignation of Councillor

Geoff Peabody has resigned from the Parish Council. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the Parish Council and to the village.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

If you are interested in contributing to the community and working as part of a team please contact the Clerk 01328 822366.

To participate fully in the workings of the Parish Council it is now necessary to have access to the internet and email. Advice and help can be given if required.

UK POWER NETWORKS

105 is the number that you can call to report or get information about a power cut. 105 will put you through to your local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into homes and businesses in your area.

105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations or if there's an immediate risk.

www.powercut105.com

Dr Marie Strong - Norfolk County Councillor

Mobile Phone Connectivity: The Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee has agreed to commission a survey of mobile phone and data coverage across the county. The main focus is on Norwich, Kings Lynn and Yarmouth together with A and B roads. Since our division's largest town is Wells and most of our divisional roads are U - unclassified, this did not meet with my approval and it has now been agreed councillors can make recommendations and hope the survey will encourage the mobile phone operators to make greater provision across Norfolk we do not have the same financial control as we have had with Better Broadband for Norfolk.

Norfolk Constabulary 2020 Police Structure Reviews: I took the opportunity presented to meet with the Chief Constable who allowed time for a good many questions. It was obvious that the reason for the 'New Vision' lies in cuts and increased costs. It will take time to evaluate the outcome including the aspects which the Chief Constable hopes and believes will be beneficial. Whilst some of the PCSOs are likely to join the police force and others may take posts in the control centre there is bound to be regret at the loss of those who became embedded in our parishes.

In seeking to relate the review to the Wells Division of rural parishes I met with Inspector Ed Brown, who has been appointed with responsibility for Holt, Fakenham and Wells stations. He took time to discuss how the new plan will unfold.

LITTER PICK

Please join us for an hour to keep our village looking good

Sunday 8 April

meet at Mill House - 10am
please bring thick gloves

KICKSTART NORFOLK Rural Moped Scheme

Are you unemployed or economically inactive?

- is the lack of transport preventing you from moving forward with your life?
- would having your own transport help you attend appointments, or to secure employment?
- are you looking to attend training or education courses?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, Kickstart Norfolk can help. The Rural Moped Scheme can provide funding to residents of rural Norfolk, to provide you with a moped for up to 26 weeks to help you unlock your full potential.

To find out more about this amazing funding opportunity, please call the Norfolk team on 01362 699923 or visit www.kickstartmopeds.org.uk.

Joan Fuller

As many may be aware sadly Joan Fuller died at the end of 2017. She had lived in the village for many years at The Old Bakehouse but after a short period spent in Devon she returned to Norfolk to live in Little Snoring. Over the years Joan contributed much to the village.

Fly Tipping

North Norfolk District Council are working to reduce the problem of illegal dumping of waste in North Norfolk. Fly-tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'.

Instances of fly tipping of garden waste are on the increase and although garden waste is biodegradable, it is still classed as waste.

If you are a landowner and waste fly tipped on your land without your permission, please report this.

If you see incidents of fly tipping please contact the Environmental Protection Team at ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk

VILLAGE GLASS BANK!

Recycle your glass and support the community

Positioned at - Top Farm
Walsingham Road entrance