



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of Meeting on Thursday 8 January 2015

Following the opening formalities a number of points were noted under matters arising. The Walsingham Estate had written to say that it was in discussion with the tenant & the District Council in respect of options for repair & possible conversion of the collapsed building at Top Farm. **Highways** had completed the requested works including the removal of the bus timetable.

The meeting was closed for reports & comments from the public. A written report from **the police** recorded 1 call for safety. Speed checks had been done but no one was caught speeding. The police are available to mark lawn mowers & other garden equipment - call 101 to arrange.

The issue of social/affordable housing was discussed. The District Councillor explained the development at the Glebe land would be through the **Rural Housing Exception Scheme**. Members of the public requested the explanation of the Exception Housing Scheme be included in the newsletter. Other issues raised concerned dog fouling problems; objection to the proposed removal of the oak on the knoll & broadband speeds in the village. The County Councillor noted delays in the Walsingham Exchange going live for fibre broadband due to silt in the ducts. Norfolk was far ahead of other counties working on the same project. The promise was for 2mb by the end of 2015. The District Councillor confirmed that NNDC had set aside £1 million to fill the 16% gap in provision in rural areas.

NNDCllr T FitzPatrick reported:

District Council had gone through a peer team review. One point of note was its innovative use of money: lending to Broadland Housing at a commercial rate but lower than they could have borrowed from elsewhere.

Budget: no increase in Council Tax. Recycling: hugely successful joint venture company. Big Society Fund to continue again next year - funded by tax from second homes.

NCCllr M Strong reported:

Mobile phone signals: to deal with 'not spots' for emergency signal. Pushing for more government funding for the schemes to improve mobile phone coverage. Concessionary travel cards will be checked to ensure they are valid.

Meeting re-opened

A resident had reported falling down on the Greenway sustaining a broken arm & requested the surface were made safer. Highways explained: *'The Greenway is a soft road in the route hierarchy and therefore comes under Highways' jurisdiction.*

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Parish Council

The next Meeting (Annual Meetings) will be held on

Thursday 14 May
7.00pm at The Club

Cromer Hospital Minor Injuries Unit

Cromer Hospital
open Monday to Sunday
8.00am to 8.00pm : tel 01603 646200

Parish Council, General & District Council Elections

7 May 2015

Polling Station - St Mary's Church

Great Snoring has more people wanting to represent the village than seats on the Parish Council, there will therefore be contested elections on 7 May 2015 for the seven seats. The last contested election in Great Snoring was about thirty years ago.

You can vote for **up to** seven candidates for the Parish Council.

The candidates standing for election are:

Richard Coates	Averil Cooper	Mary John
Rory Kenny	Jan Lockhart	Tony Myers
Suzanne Pannell	Geoff Peabody	David Perowne
Paul Richmond	Hazel Seekings	Jonathan Taylor

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Please note the Polling Station is in the Church NOT The club

As a 'rule of thumb' we say that if it is passable by an able bodied person in stout footwear or by a 4x4 vehicle at slow speed then it is acceptable. I would have serious concerns that if the ruts were filled in with hard-core or similar it would just encourage further use by 4x4 vehicles.' It was suggested that a site meeting could be arranged. Items to be reported to **Highways**: the group opposite bungalows on Thursford Road was still damaged. There are stones on verges at 69 Thursford Road & outside The Sheltons. The road surface at cross roads – Barsham Road/The Street was deteriorating.

NNDC had no objection to the application to remove the oak on the lower knoll by the village sign. Comments from members of the public were noted - three objections in total. Agreed to purchase a small leaf pinnacle lime.

N.B. since the meeting, following further representations, the final decision on replacement tree will be taken at a later date following consultation & if permission for a variation to the condition is granted by the District Council.

Discussion about the trees on the knoll by the Tuns was deferred. The Clerk was asked to inform the Walsingham Estate that a branch of the ash opposite School Farm was depressing & chafing an overhead cable.

The Rural Housing Exception Scheme

As requested by the public information about the Rural Housing Exception.

Many of you will already be aware that the Diocese is considering the possibility of building affordable housing on the Glebe Land on Barsham Road. The Parish Council has been working to get additional affordable rented properties into the village for the last four years or so, in response to the parish plan survey results showing this was a priority for residents. Previously the Parish Council & the then Chairman, Mary Perowne, made thorough approaches to local landowners for suitable sites, but none were willing to sell or build in the foreseeable future. Coincidentally, the Diocese was currently working on proposals for affordable housing development on four sites in North Norfolk, one of which was this site in Great Snoring. The Diocese has recently completed legal documentation & will be notifying the Parish Council of the builder who is partnering the Registered Housing provider who will be seeking planning for a mixed tenured development on the site.

The District Council has a process for a **Rural Housing Exception Scheme** which is applicable to development in Great Snoring. The affordable homes in such a scheme are allocated through North Norfolk Your Choice Your Home to local people with a direct connection to Great Snoring or with a connection to adjoining parishes (although this excludes Fakenham). Analysis in November 2013 showed that there were 70 households with a local connection on the Housing Register, 19 of which met the Local Letting Criteria A connection (This means they have lived in the

Rural Housing Exception Scheme. The representative from Savills had stated that the reasons for delay was the person dealing with the matter for the Diocese had resigned & a replacement had been appointed. The legal papers would be signed in the next few days completing agreements. Contact details for the builder who would be partnering a Registered Housing provider would then be forward to the Parish Council. The plans would be for a mixed tenure development on the Glebe land.

It was noted that Rodent Service Ltd had been contracted to carry out the **pest control at the allotments**. A briefing meeting had been held with the allotment holders. David Perowne to be contact for pest control matters & Jon Taylor to make regular assessments of the allotments.

In order to avoid the problems of last year, it was agreed that the Parish Council would organise just one area on Dilldash Lane for weed-killing in order to allow wild flowers to re-establish on the verges.

To note that the General, District & Parish Council Elections will take place on 7 May at St Mary's Church.

parish or adjoining parishes for at least 3 consecutive years at the point of allocation & also meet at least one of the following criteria; Lived for at least 5 years at any time in the parish or adjoining parishes or are employed in the parish or adjoining parish (permanent employment of at least 12 months and 16 hours per week) or Have a family member who has lived for at least 5 consecutive years in the parish or adjoining parish at the point of allocation.) More information at www.yourchoiceyourhome.org.uk/choice/

The initial steps in Rural Housing Exception Scheme process are to identify land (which the owner is willing to sell for affordable housing), for the landowner to work with a construction company and a Registered Housing provider to build and manage the affordable homes. This is where we are at present.

During the process, & prior to submitting the plans to the planning authority, the developers & social housing providers will organise a public consultation exercise in Great Snoring. No date has been fixed for this as yet.

All the plans for development then go through the formal planning process at the District Council. At this stage members of the public can submit their comments in writing & may also have the opportunity to speak at the District Council's Development Committee meeting. The Parish Council is one of the statutory consultees. The planning process includes consultation with Norfolk County Council Highways in respect of access and road safety. Environmental surveys are also carried out. More information can be had from the planning department at the District Council www.northnorfolk.org/planning.asp

Community Clear Up Day

A group of 10 from the village did their bit on 21 March and collected 51lbs/23kgs of litter within a quarter miles radius of the church.

Great Snoring Oil Club

Mick Judge who lives in Thursford Road is starting an Oil Club in the village, ordering twice a year, end of August & end of February. He also runs the Lt Snoring Oil Club so will combine the two, making a better saving on the price of oil. For information contact Mick on 01328 820103 any time Mondays, Tuesday & Wednesdays.



Curing Snoring in Great Snoring

Slumberdown is on a mission to help the nation stop snoring during National Stop Snoring Week 2015. On Tuesday 21 April the team will be visiting the village with its new Anti-Snoring Pillow to meet the residents & help them tackle this noisy problem.

There will be 150 Anti-Snoring Pillows to give away
St Mary's Church - 21 April 2015 from 2 pm