



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of Meeting on Thursday 10 March 2016

Following the opening formalities it was noted, with appreciation to Highways and the District Council respectively, that the drainage work at Duck End had improved the flooding problems and that Thursford Road and Dildash Lane had both been swept. Maintenance of the finger post on the lower knoll has been programmed by Highways and would probably be done in the summer. The Chairman reported that the application for a faculty for the re-painting of the Parish Clock as part of the repairs was in hand. It was reported that the recent Archive Weekend had been a success raising £210 for the Air Ambulance and £110 for the Mile Stone Society for mileposts on the Fakenham/Wells Turnpike.

The Chairman reported that she, Elaine Ferguson (NNDC) and Clovis Meath Baker (Walsingham Estate) had met to walk round the village looking at possible sites for housing. It was noted that unofficial guidance indicated that they do not rule out some building in Great Snoring.

It was decided to carry out another litter pick on Sunday 17 April, those wanting to take part should meet at 10am at Mill House. Six volunteers had indicated their willingness to join a working group for village tidy up etc. it was noted that volunteers would be covered by the Parish Council insurance as long as a written risk assessment had been done. A date will be arranged for a Sunday morning.

Quotes for cutting the knolls were considered and it was agreed to ask Adrian Hall to take on the task.

Response to the question in the last newsletter about not having a tree on the lower knoll were discussed. 80% of the responders were against having a tree, the Clerk should contact the Tree Officer to see if it would be possible to not replace the tree. In the meantime a group of councillors would draw up a short list of alternative trees.

It was agreed to mark out the allotments and that rubble would be sourced to fill the ruts on the path. It was noted that at least one of the allotments appeared to be wider than it should. Councillors decided to arrange another Spring Gathering for allotment holders, date to be fixed.

One planning application had been considered since the previous meeting: 1 Fakenham Road for the erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling. The Parish Council had no objection.

Payments were approved and change of signatories forms were completed to add D Perowne and remove R Coates.

It was noted that The Club committee would probably decide to cease providing free WiFi at The Club due to the cost of renting the second telephone line. The Chairman suggested that representatives from the Parish Council should meet with The Club committee to discuss a way forward.

It was decided that, following an informal meeting with the candidates, the formal co-option of a new member to fill the casual vacancy would take place at the next meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at a separate time from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and to invite village groups to report on activities. Possibly organised for a weekend afternoon.

The next meeting of the Parish Council (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) is at 7 pm in the Social Club Thursday 12 May 2016.

The full minutes can be seen on the notice board or at www.norfolkrc.org.uk

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

Thursday 12 May
7.00pm at The Club

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.

Spring Litter pick

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

Sunday 17 April
meet at Mill House - 10am
please bring thick gloves

**Dr Marie Strong -
Norfolk County Councillor**

Better Broadband for Great Snoring

For those reading the Nov/Dec newsletter they will have noticed that I had confirmed better broadband for Great Snoring was included in the second rollout of faster broadband. So whilst I am sure the entry in the Jan/Feb parish newsletter was submitted with good intent I need to explain that even if support for fibre were needed registering on the website indicated would not assist a parish or individuals to become fibre enabled – it merely provides commercial organisation(s) with information as to which ISPs (Internet Service Providers) residents currently use and whose custom they might obtain when fibre becomes available.

I will now provide a little more detail regarding the forthcoming provision of fibre broadband for Gt Snoring. In brief there are 117 properties in Gt Snoring, mostly served by Walsingham cabinet 2, but in order to provide better broadband for Great Snoring a new cabinet, Little Walsingham 4, is due this autumn under the current contract. This new cabinet will serve 101 properties. The remaining 16 properties are served by Fakenham cabinet 5 and I look to providing more information regarding these properties later.

When the new cabinet is enabled residents going on to www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.com will be able to see if their property is fibre enabled and if so all the operators who will be offering fibre for that property and what each is offering in terms of speeds, packages and costs. Having said the cabinet is expected this autumn it has also been suggested it could be enabled in some 4-6 months. Whilst there is always the possibility of delays sometimes the work is completed sooner than expected so you might wish to periodically go on to www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.com and check if the various ISPs are offering firm deals.

Next Fit Together Walk

Tues 12 April - 10.30

meet at The Club carpark followed by coffee in The Club.

Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 21 May at 3pm

An Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the parish electors giving an opportunity to meet and celebrate local activities. It is not a Parish Council Meeting.

For many years the Annual Parish Meeting has taken place each May before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, taking just a few minutes. This year it is to be held at a different time, at the end of May, with refreshments.

Bank Holiday Refuse Collection dates

General waste - black bin

Thursday 31 March

Thursday 1 September

Recycling - green bin

Thursday 5 May

Thursday 2 June

'Down Memory Lane'

Based on the memories of Rev Harold Smith who lived in the village during the 1920s & 30s, the weekend provided an opportunity for many to reminisce. Although Harold was unable to attend he sent his best wishes to everyone who knows him. Sheets from the display were taken and shown to Harold after the event.

The event made it possible to donate £210.00 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and £110.00 to the Milestone Society towards the restoration of posts on the Fakenham/Wells turnpike.

A big thank you to everyone who made it such a successful event.

What's going on in GS

The Club

Open Tuesday; Wednesday; Friday
7.30 to 11pm 01328 820708

Tea at The Club - first Tuesday of each month at The Club 2.30

K6 Library - open all hours to borrow, exchange or take a book

Mobile Library - every four weeks
Fri 1 April: Fri 29 April
3.25 Old School House, The Street
3.45 Thursford Road

Age Concern Minibus

to book 07990 026 839

Great Snoring Bowls Club

The green will be open on Sunday 24 April for a roll up.

Again this year we will be playing in the Fakenham league. Matches take place on Monday and Thursday evenings. Old and new players are welcome. John Dent 01328 820554

Allotments available in Great Snoring

'So, in my boots, wheeling my mobile toolkit...I can begin. The task may be simply weeding or transplanting seedlings, but invariably it brings with it a sense of calm and pleasure...'

This is how Monty Don describes early spring in 'The Jewel Garden': the garden he and his wife created from a few muddy fields in Herefordshire.

You could also feel this sense of calm and pleasure working an allotment in Great Snoring. You could feel a real sense of achievement digging the earth, sowing seeds, nurturing your plants and harvesting your crops. You could enjoy the sweetness of your own freshly picked peas; the flavour and crunch of your own carrots; and savour the taste of your own new potatoes.

When you need help and advice there are books to turn to like Joy Larkcom's 'Vegetables for Small Gardens', and, of course, other allotment holders to chat to. You can visit allotment websites such as www.nsalg.org.uk or www.nagtrust.org.uk.

Now is **your** chance to put on your boots, go out with your tools and begin to grow your own vegetables, fruit and flowers from a plot of earth in Great Snoring.

If you would like to try out allotment gardening there are plots available for £15 for a full allotment or £7.50 for a half allotment per year. For further information or to arrange a lease for an allotment please do contact - the Parish Clerk: Joanna Otte on 01328 822366 or email greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com

Milepost Update

The Milestone Society were present at the Archive weekend and exhibited the first Great Snoring milepost lifted. Standing about 5' high, it generated much attention. Having been sand blasted, it will be painted by children at Little Snoring School. The second Great Snoring milepost requires restoration and funding is being sought.