

Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of Meeting on Thursday 9 March

Following the opening formalities:

Planning - it was agreed to adopt a Planning Procedure for the Parish Council to assist with the deadlines set by the District Council and the new online planning consultation. Two planning applications were considered. One for the retention of installed damp proof course and replacement front door at 2 The Terrace, The Street: to which the Parish Council had no objection. The second was for the demolition of garage, erection of side and rear extensions and raising height of roof to create first floor accommodation at Dream of Delight, Thursford Road: which raised concerns regarding the height and the impact of loss of light for adjacent properties. It was noted that the District Council had approved the applications for barn conversion and construction of block of three double garages at Stone Pit Barn, Fakenham Road, and for the conversion of the outbuilding to an annex accommodation at Snoring Barn, Walsingham Road.

Financial business - following confirmation of bank statements and approval of payments it was agreed to apply to the Transparency Code Fund to cover the cost of setting up a new website as the previous one will not be available soon.

It was noted that a new account had been opened for the Great Snoring Parish Clock. The current balance is £86. When the VAT refund is received then a further £800 will be credited to the Clock Account. A plaque to commemorate the new dial was discussed and further quotes would be obtained.

Environment - it was confirmed that Adrian Hall would continue with the grass-cutting on the knolls for 2017. Following approval from the District Council it was agreed to ask David Gillett to raise the crowns, trim back overhanging branches and cut out dead wood on the trees on the Thursford Road knolls.

A Litter Pick was set for Sunday 23 April at 10am meeting at Mill House.

Highways - It was noted that Highways had cleared out the drains at Duck End and that the grops around the village had been dug out. Problems with raised drain irons leading to standing water on The Street and Barsham Road would be reported. Damage to verges e.g. at junction by the lower knoll was discussed. Unfortunately there is not much more that can be done about the damage to verges which happens across the county.

It was agreed that a suggestion for a village Interpretation Board with historical information and pictures was a good idea and should be pursued.

The Clerk reported that the County Council pays recycling credits worth £55.23 for each tonne of household rubbish that are collected and recycled via a registered scheme. Indigo Waste provide such a scheme and charge £10 (+VAT) per tonne of glass collected. David Perowne offered a site at the entrance to Top Farm, off Walsingham Road for a bottle bank and this was accepted with appreciation.

Allotments - notice having already been giving, it was agreed to increase the annual rent for an allotment to £18, and that new tenants would be asked for a deposit of £30 against the risk of the Parish Council having to clean the plot after it is vacated. Information about Avian Flu had been circulated to allotment holders. It was agreed that the permissive path across the allotments would remain closed for the time being. It was agreed to continue to pursue the viability of having mains water on the allotments.

IT - development of new Parish Council website to be managed by the clerk and the Chair will have training for back up and uploading information.
Broadband update - it would appear that the fibre cables are being laid.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - it was noted that the Notification of Vacancy had been published but no electors requested an election. It was now for the Parish

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

Thursday 11 May 2017
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.

Council to co-opt to fill the vacancy. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in the newsletter. Interested parties would then be invited to an informal interview as previously before formal co-option at a Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed to hold a separate **Annual Parish Meeting** as last year. The date was set for Saturday 20 May with the venue to be decided.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7 pm at the Social Club Thursday 11 May 2017. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Dr Marie Strong - Norfolk County Councillor

Fibre Broadband for Great Snoring:

In January I shared information that 'The timescale for implementation is influenced by a number of factors but is likely to be approximately 6-12 months'. All of the work is complete except for the vital fibre connection. The problem is due to work continuing on a blockage on the fibre duct route. Based on the timescales to clear the blockage and then run the fibre and commission the cabinet we should expect the cabinet to go live during spring 2017. Fibre broadband is coming to Great Snoring and that once live there will be properties with access to superfast speeds (24Mbps+). Once the cabinet is live, do use a comparison website to see the range of ISPs and service packages that are available. It is important you choose a fibre based service if you are to benefit from the higher speeds.

Please go to the website which can be found on:

www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk

Litter Pick/Spring Clean

Sunday 23 April 10.00

Please join us to keep the village looking good! Meet at Mill House

Please bring strong gloves.

Verity Nichols

Verity Nicholls who had lived in the village since 2009 sadly died recently. Her husband Joe Gould said 'Having recovered from cancer some years ago, Verity become ill again during the last two years, obviously it is a very sad time for the whole family but she died peacefully in her sleep at home in Great Snoring, just as she wanted and was laid to rest in the churchyard of the village she loved'

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

It is necessary to have internet access and email in order to participate fully in the workings of the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Meeting Saturday 20 May at 3pm venue to be announced

An opportunity for you to meet & talk to those who work in and for the parish. There will be updates from local groups including the Parish Council, followed by refreshments.

VILLAGE BOTTLE BANK!

Recycle your glass and support the community

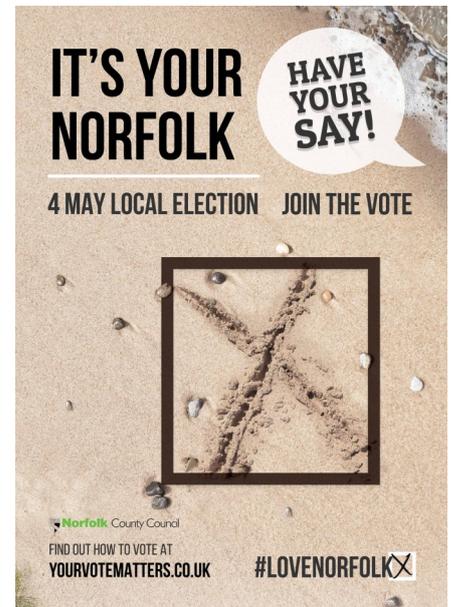
for every tonne of glass collected Great Snoring Parish Council will receive £45 in recycling credits from Norfolk County Council

Positioned at - Top Farm
Walsingham Road entrance



STOP PRESS!

The first of the two Great Snoring mileposts was reinstated along the Little Snoring road on 5 April. Having been full renovated it looks as good as when positioned in the 1830s, thanks to the determination and hard work of the Milestone Society team.



Dogs Around the Village

Recently there have been instances of dog fouling around the village and on the footpaths. Please clear up after your dog and use the dog bins in Dildash Lane and near The Club.

Wild birds are now nesting so please keep your dog under control, preferably on a lead. Thank you.

Avian Flu Alert

The permissive path across the allotment area will remain closed until the end of April.

Police Recognition

Norfolk Police has been judged one of the top performing forces in the country by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary.

With an overall 'good' grading in the 2016 PEEL inspections into effectiveness, which looks at how well the force keeps people safe and reduces crime; the Constabulary was also awarded, an outstanding grade for how effective it is at preventing crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe.

Don't Forget the '3Ps'!

Blocked drains are a national problem due to incorrect items being flushed away. Wet wipes being the chief culprits, it is estimated that 800 tonnes are flushed away EACH WEEK, the equivalent to 115 large African elephants! Only flush away the '3Ps' - poo, pee and paper!