



Great Snoring Parish Council **NEWSLETTER**

Annual Report May 2016

Parish Councillors

Following the election in May 2015 the Parish Council was re-invigorated. In January we said goodbye to Richard Coates who handed in his resignation following a move to Norwich. Three people expressed an interest in being co-opted. The members decided to co-opt Vanessa Thompson to join the existing councillors Janet Lockhart, Suzanne Pannell, Geoff Peabody, David Perowne, Hazel Seekings and Jonathan Taylor.

Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council continued to distribute a bi-monthly newsletter, to keep the village informed of Parish Council news and provide useful information.

Affordable Housing

The provision of affordable housing in the village through a Rural Housing Exception Scheme was a major issue. The Parish Council organised an open meeting inviting NNDC to discuss and clarify issues pertaining to Exception Sites and Affordable Housing. The Walsingham Estate expressed an interest in exploring the idea of developing affordable housing in Great Snoring if a real local need could be established and a suitable site could be found. The Parish Council decided that it would continue to pursue the possibilities of having affordable housing in the village.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered a number of planning applications throughout the year and provided the District Council with its views as a consultee in the planning process.

Highways Matters

Following representation from the Parish Council and a site meeting with the tenant farmers, Highways installed a surface water chamber and pipes at Duck End. This has improved the problems with flooding although in very wet weather it takes some time for the rain water to drain away.

The Highway Rangers trimmed back growth around the various signs, filled potholes and the District Council replaced the damaged street name sign for Thursford Road at Top Farm.

Overgrowth from hedges and trees impinging on paths and roads was also cut back by landowners, which is appreciated and volunteers helped to keep the footpath by the church clear and accessible.

Appearance and Maintenance

The Parish Council has continued to keep up appearances in the village, with the assistance of volunteers, by cutting hedges, and the grass on verges, knolls and on Gurney's Ground, providing dog bins and paying for the collection of waste, maintaining benches and the kissing gate by the Church and lowering, repairing and repainting the notice board, re-doing the kerb at the base of the notice board. Street furniture on the lower knoll was cleaned and a hinge strap on the kiosk door was replaced. Thank you to the volunteers and to those who took part in the litter pick.

The Parish Council appreciates the trouble that people take to clear debris from the drains, pick up litter, and cut back overgrowth for the benefit of all and thanks all those who contribute to the pleasant appearance of the village.

Councillors

Chairman

Suzanne Pannell 01328 820227

Vice Chairman

Hazel Seekings 01328 820785

Councillors

Jan Lockhart 01328 821329

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

Thursday 14 July
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.

Allotments

The Parish Council took a more active approach to the management of the allotments. Weeds on the uncultivated allotments were cut back and a contract was set up in order to deal with the rats. Two social gatherings have been held for allotment holders to talk and raise matters of concern in an informal setting which proved to be beneficial. The allotments continue to be popular, particularly with poultry including hens, ducks and rheas but there are also a number which are used more traditionally for growing vegetables and fruit. There are a few plots available so do contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested. The allotment prize was once again shared between two plots – well done to Sophie and Gervaise Kill, and to Bernard White and friends.

Parish Clock

In the autumn it was noticed that the rim of the clock face was damaged. Quotes were sort for scaffolding, metal work and repainting. Some of the work requires a faculty (planning permission from the Diocese) so the Parish Clerk has forwarded the necessary paperwork to the Churchwarden for submission to the Diocese with Colin Walton (who services the clock mechanism) acting as advisor. When the budget and precept were discussed it was agreed to build up a fund to cover expenses relating to the Parish Clock particularly as any work that is needed on the clock face requires scaffolding.

Annual Parish Meeting Saturday 21 May

Possibly for the first time the Great Snoring Annual Parish Meeting was held at a different day to the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. Held at the Social Club it was attended by many from the village who found it both informative and enlightening.

Reports were given by the Church, Village Archives, Bowls Club, Pearson Charity, K6 Library, The Club, The Chapel, Billiards team, PCSO, County Councillor, District Councillor, Tea at The Club, Milestone Society & the Wansey Bayly Wayside Gardens Award.

The occasion was rounded off with tea and cakes provided by Janet Dent.

Permissive Path/ Allotments

A reminder to residents and visitors that the allotments are not a public area. Please keep to the central Permissive Path, between The Street and Dildash Lane, do not walk on or around allotment gardens.

Thank you

Wansey Bayly Wayside Garden Award

This year the judging will hopefully be during July.

This has been taking place for around 80 years having been established by Dr Wansey Bayly, who lived at Cleveny, possibly the first holiday home in the village.

Replacement Tree

A red hawthorn tree planted in the church yard is being considered as a replacement for the tree on the knoll.

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 12 May

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 12 May 2016 can be seen on the notice board or at www.norfolkcc.org.uk

Dr Marie Strong - Norfolk County Councillor

Adults at Risk of Abuse: if you know someone is being abused call NCC Adult Social Services 0344 800 8020, text 07767 647670, these contacts can also be used if you are concerned about a child.

No Cold Calling: new web link www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/consumer-advice/no-cold-calling-zones

Parking Infringements: There have been increasing complaints regarding vehicles parking across private entrances. It constitutes an obstruction and dealt with by the police - call 101.

Recycling Centres: Until September operating new summer opening hours 9am - 5pm www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres.

Garden Open Thorpland Hall

Sunday 19 June 2-5pm
Admission £5 children free

Teas - in aid of Great Snoring Church
Plants for sale

Great Snoring Contacts

www.greatsnoring.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/GreatSnoring>
Home Watch - call 01328 820575

Vivien Howe

Sadly Viv who had lived in the village for about 30 years passed away on 4 May.

Kenny White

Kenny who had lived in Great Snoring all his life and contributed much to the village, died on 9 April.

From Janette, Stephen, Andrew & families -

'Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral on such a chilly afternoon. It was lovely to see so many 'old faces' in the nicest sense. Dad would have been very pleased to get such a good send off. A few of you may have been charged for your drinks at the bar which was not our intention so that has been added to the charity donations, despite Dad often singing Joyce's praises she is not a mind reader. A special thank you to those who visited him in hospital although whoever took the can of Mild in almost caused a 'lock down situation', its still in my fridge and it won't go to waste.'

Information / Advice Service

Norfolk County Council & NN District Council have jointly commissioned an Information & Advice Service for North Norfolk. This is provided by Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice & Norfolk Citizens Advice.

Fakenham

Provider – Norfolk CA
Location – Fakenham Connect
Opening times – Monday & Thursday
10.00am - 3.00pm
Service available – drop in or by
appointment for information & advice
01328 853697

Location – Fakenham Med Ctre
Opening times – during Medical
Centre hours
Service kiosk – information via self
service kiosk