



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of Meeting on Thursday 12 November 2015

Following the opening formalities, a member of the public raised concern about the overgrown sycamore tree in the church yard overhanging The Street. He was advised to contact the PCC Secretary and Churchwarden.

The police report two calls since the previous meeting 1 x wildlife, 1 x concern for safety.

The **County Councillor** encouraged people to take part in the County Council's budget consultation/survey *Reimagining Norfolk*. She reminded the Parish Council to check that the footpaths were on the definitive map and to register if required. She confirmed that Great Snoring was included in the second rollout of faster Broadband.

Affordable housing - the working group reported that it had met twice. It was agreed to send out a sheet with the newsletter informing the village of the current situation regarding affordable housing. Following feedback, Walsingham Estate will be approached.

Highways - concern was raised about the stakes on the verge at South House as well as leaf debris on the pavement and footpath by the Church. It was agreed to advertise in the Newsletter for local people to quote to cut the grass on the three knolls for the 2016 season.

Working party to tidy areas of the village to be considered in the future.

Parish clock - the Clerk reported that funding had been offered to cover the cost of scaffolding and repairs to the parish clock on the church tower. It was agreed that the clock should be repainted at the same time as the repairs.

Thanks to a local resident for completing the flint upstand below the notice board, to A Swann for the new sign on the board and to J Taylor for changing the time on the clock.

Allotments - working group, changes to the allotment tenancy agreement were agreed. Thanks to D Perowne and J Taylor for organizing the recent tidy up of the allotments.

Planning - two applications had been received between meetings: at **Forty Winks**, Fakenham Road - demolition of single-storey dwelling and erection of two-storey dwelling and detached double garage with studio above, a site meeting was arranged. The **Manor House** - retention of children's play area and equipment. It was noted that the application at **School Farm**, Fakenham Road - conversion of barns to form two dwellings had been approved.

The responses from highways and planning enforcement were noted regarding the fence at Manor House. The Planning Officer was working with the owner to establish the most appropriate way forward.

Finance - following the approval of payments the main item of financial business was to consider and set the Budget and Precept for 2016-17. It was agreed that it was necessary to build up a reserve fund with an extra £200 from the Precept. The Precept was therefore set at £3,300, an increase of 10%.

IT - it was noted with appreciation that a laptop computer had been donated by Sure Computers of Holt, for use by residents. It has already been available during *Tea at the Club* and it is hoped that it will be housed at The Club and available during opening times.

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

Thursday 14 January
7.00pm at The Club

Residents of any age are very welcome to attend to ask questions & voice their opinion.

NNDC Standards Meeting held at Fakenham, attended by the Chairman was very informative.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 14 January at 7 pm at The Club.

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

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

Cutting of Village Knolls

The Parish Council would like to invite anyone interested in cutting the three village knolls to submit a quotation by 1 January 2016 for the following:

For each of the three knolls: main knoll in The Street; at junction of Thursford Road & Dildash Lane, & at junction of Fakenham Road & Back Lane, 12 cuts during the season April to October.

Each cut twice a month for May, June, July, August & September, & once in April & October.

Also for strimming around the two gates into Gurney's ground when required.

Please contact -

Joanna Otte - Parish Clerk
01328 822366

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Great Snoring Milepost

A milepost buried during WW2 has recently been found by a member of the Milestone Society and is to be lifted within the next few weeks. Following its renovation the milepost will be returned to its original position. Mary Perowne spoke of a milepost but was unable to locate it.

If you can provide any information about or have a photograph of the milepost please contact Sue Pannell or Hazel Seekings.

Village Archive Event

The Village Archive is to hold an event early 2016 focusing on Great Snoring during WW1 and WW2. We would like to hear from anyone who has photographs or memories of the village during WW2. Contact Sue Pannell 820227 or Hazel Seekings 820785.

Litterpick

A group of residents carried out a second Litterpick around the village on 15 November, again several bag of rubbish were collected but sadly cans and cartons have already appeared.

Village Laptop

Mark Riseborough and Andrew Duffield of Sure Computers Systems, Holt have kindly donated a laptop computer to the village for use by residents.

It is hoped that the computer will be housed at The Club for use during opening times but it will also be available at Tea at The Club afternoons.



Poppy Appeal

The collection in Great Snoring raised £82.54. Thank you to those who made donations in the collection boxes at Top Farm £23.60 and at the Social Club and Church collection £58.94.

Car Link

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Car Link, a partnership between ERS Medical and Voluntary Norfolk, provides non emergency patient transport throughout the county. Our volunteer drivers provide an essential service, transporting up to one hundred patients to their destination each day. We are looking to recruit new volunteer drivers and would love to hear from caring, calm and reliable individuals with their own car. All expenses are reimbursed, and training is provided.

Please call Jules 01603 883860 or email jules.alderson@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Great Snoring Home Watch

Geoff tel 820575 gp@minstermedia.co.uk

Norfolk Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Call **101** non-emergency number if you see anything suspicious
Call **999** if an offence is in progress.

Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111**

Email: sntfakenham@norfolk.police.uk

Concerned about vehicles speeding in Great Snoring?

Do you want to take action and join a Community Speed Watch Team?

Community Speed Watch is an initiative from the police that involves local residents in speed reduction activities. The idea is that speed-monitoring is carried out by trained volunteers from the community, with follow-up work on education and enforcement by Norfolk Police.

If you are interested in volunteering you will be one of three on duty for at least one hour to monitor the speed of vehicles, note down number plates and verify the information. You will receive relevant training in the use of the speed radar, risk assessments, reflective jackets and the necessary paperwork. You will **not** stop vehicles nor issue warnings. Your role will be to collect the relevant data on behalf of the police and process the initial letters to drivers. The police will target persistent offenders.

If you would like further information or are interested in taking part in the scheme please contact the Parish Clerk on 01328 822366.

Harmful Weeds & Invasive Non-native Plants

We have been informed by Norse Grounds the importance to prevent invasive, non-native plants on your land spreading into the wild and to other people's land. Also, the responsibility to prevent harmful weeds on your land spreading onto a neighbour's property. Plants such as Japanese Knot Weed & Himalayan Balsam, grow very quickly and shade out, and therefore kill other plants.

These plants not only pose a threat to other plants, but are also a severe hazard for people. Plants such as Giant Hogweed can cause severe skin burns when they come into human contact. It is therefore essential that these plants are controlled.

For further information on how to identify such hazardous plants please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants>.

FREE WiFi is available at The Club open Mon; Tues; Wed; Fri & Sun 7.30 to 11pm tel 01328 820708