



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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Summary of the Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council January 2019

Following the opening formalities Averil Cooper was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

Police - a report from the police had been received stating there had been two calls to the police and one common assault reported in the period since the previous meeting.

County Councillor - Marie Strong, had emailed a report but did attend. It included information about recycling (see below) and contact numbers for UK Power Networks - call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105. More information including a live power cut map can be found at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk. Extra help is provided to customers on the Priority Service Register - households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well as other reasons can join the register.

District Councillor - Tom FitzPatrick reported that the Big Society Fund was open for applications and that there were also funds available for Arts and Culture and Community Transport initiatives.

He endorsed the County Councillor's request for sorting recycling and other waste properly and noted that he is part of the group currently looking at joint procurement for the waste collection contract to replace the present one with Kier.

The Clerk was asked to contact UK Power Networks to report flickering electrical power supply for the last month: the supply is cut for a few seconds at a time which messes up computer work, and memory on electrical items e.g. phones, cookers, clocks which have to be reset. (UK Power Networks are aware of this problem which is probably caused by high voltage cables being knocked by tree branches. They are sorry for the trouble this is creating. Please do contact them on 105 or 0800 3163 105 to report any power cuts that you have).

Planning - one application had been received since the previous meeting for change of use of amenity land to garden and external alterations to window and door to east and west elevations at Methodist Chapel, The Loke. The Parish Council had no objection to the application but hoped that adequate arrangements would be made so that the highways would not be obstructed nor vehicles parked on the knoll.

Highways - the Clerk reported that Highways were making arrangements to clear the obstacles on the Green Way.

Allotments - it was agreed to increase the rent on allotments to take effect in October 2020 and the tenants would be informed accordingly.

It was recorded that an Open Meeting in December regarding the use of the allotments and Gurney's Ground had taken place. The Parish Councillors had presented various options and it was agreed by a vote of hands of those present that the Parish Council should seek to install play equipment on Gurney's Ground, clear the vacant allotments, make a parking area and turn one area into a sensory garden. It was agreed that the Parish Council should go ahead with these plans, get quotes for the play equipment - tower climber, swing and possible adult exercise items, the clearance and building of car park and sensory garden, apply for grants e.g. from the Big Society Fund.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7 pm on Thurs 14 March 2019 in the Social Club.

Councillors

Chairman

Vanessa Thompson 01328 821187

Vice Chairman

Jan Lockhart 01328 821329

Councillors

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County Councillor

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Member of Parliament

Keith Simpson (Con)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on

**Thursday 14 March
at 7.00pm**

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

Local Elections 2 May 2019 - time to make a difference?

This year the Parish Council elections coincide with the District Council elections on 2 May 2019. So now is the time to consider taking an active part in local government and representing the views of all the residents in the parish. Would you like to make a difference to your local community? Great Snoring is looking for potential new councillors.

The role is not onerous: the Parish Council meets six times a year; councillors spend some time between meetings on parish council matters or particular projects depending on their involvement.

The Parish Council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of the local neighbourhood. The work falls into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs - often in conjunction with the District and County Councils; and striving to improve the quality of life in the local area.

A wide range of training for councillors is available, covering role and responsibilities, law and procedures, planning, council finance, budget and precept, employment issues. Make a difference and stand as a Parish Councillor

Get involved with your community

Have a say about the local issues

Influence the way local services are provided

Decide how local money is spent to improve your community.

If you wish to stand as a Parish Councillor you will need to complete a Nomination Paper (see information below) which should ideally be hand delivered to the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9EN on any working day after the date of the Notice of Election, 26 March, between 10am and 4pm but no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3 April. Those unable or unwilling to travel to Cromer should contact the Parish Clerk.

The link below provides information regarding the qualifications for standing, candidate spending, the campaign, your right to attend key electoral events and what to do after the declaration of results. It is a very useful page and may help potential candidates decide if they want to stand and if they qualify to stand.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales> To find the nomination paper, on Part 2a click on "Click here to view resources for Part 2a: Standing as an independent candidate" and the papers are there. You will also need to print out and return an Expenses Form (Part 3) and send it to the District Council by 30 May even if it is a nil entry.

For more information, assistance or if you are not on the internet, but would like to apply to be a councillor or book a slot for submitting your nomination papers contact the District Council Electoral Services on 01263 516010 or email emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk Telephone: 01263 516010

Deadline for delivery of nomination papers to North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, is 4 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

SCAM MAIL

advice from Royal Mail

Royal Mail never knowingly delivers scam mail which is illegal and wants to put a stop to it. Scam mail can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws, mostly originating from overseas.

Who receives scam mail? Anyone, you, a relative, or friend, the most alert people can be taken in.

We are combating scam mail – Royal Mail is committed to doing all we can, to date we have proactively stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail around the UK.

If you are concerned someone is in receipt of scam mail, contact us by: writing to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL - enclosing any items that are suspected of being scam mail or by calling the Royal Mail Scam Helpline on 0800 01 13 466 or email scam.mail@royalmail.com

Snoring knitters

After knitting poppies, a number of ladies decided to keep knitting. We found an organisation called Norfolk Knitters who support local Norfolk Charities, collecting and donating the things made, such as blankets, hats, baby clothes, animal toys etc.

We started with Twiddle Muffs for people who suffer with Dementia, a good number have been finished delivered to the Norfolk Knitters. Thank you to all those ladies who knitted, stitched and decorated the Muffs.

If you would like to join us knitting or have any unwanted wool, which would be appreciated, please contact Hazel Seekings 820785 or Janet Dent 820554.

Frances

Bottle Bank at Top Farm paper and textiles coming soon

Thank you to all those who have used the bottle bank at Top Farm, your support is much appreciated. Soon a paper bank and a textile bank will be arriving. The contents of the collection banks are weighed when emptied and the Parish Council receives recycling credits from the County Council - the rate is £58.60 per tonne, to date raising £76.39. Half of this ring-fenced to contribute to maintenance of the village defibrillator.

Jill Brettingham Smith

The Gingerbread Lady

Jill died on Christmas Day. She moved from Surrey to Great Snoring with her husband John, in 1979. Jill contributed much to the village over the years including being a member of the PCC, clerk to the Parish Council and many will remember seeing her walking around the village picking up rubbish. She also renowned for her gingerbread, there was always some freshly made and offered to anyone who visited.

A remembrance service for Jill is to be held on Saturday 20 April at 2.00 at Great Snoring Church.

Reminder of what items can be recycled in the Green Bin

Norfolk's recycling service accepts a wide range of materials right from your home: paper, cardboard, cartons, food tins and drink cans, aerosols, foil and foil trays, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, household plastic packaging.

Just remember our 3 simple rules:

Clean – give your items a quick rinse, any food or liquid could contaminate other recycling

Dry – wet items can also contaminate other recycling

Don't Bag It – don't put carrier bags or sacks inside your recycling bin. Bags cannot be opened at the sorting facility.

The Village Clock

This has been stopped as the mechanism cannot be adjusted due to a dangerous floor in the church tower. The floor will be repaired later in the year, Sadly until then the village will be without its time-piece.

Mobile Library Service

4 weekly on Fridays

15.25-15.40 The Street

15.45 – 16.05 Thursford Road

The mobile library carries books for all ages and tastes.