



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of the Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council November 2019

It was noted that Gavin Rutland had resigned. The District Council had been informed and a notice of vacancy published. No requests had been made for an election so the Parish Council may co-opt a new member. If anyone would like to be considered for co-option please do contact one of the councillors or the clerk.

PC Jason Pegden attended the first part of the meeting. He reported that the police had received two calls from Great Snoring, but had not recorded any crimes for the village. He advised that any suspicions of hare coursing (or other illegal activities) should be reported to the police immediately using 999. He has access to the police drone which can be useful in these incidents. Due to a shortage of resources he does not usually attend parish council meetings in small villages. However he is happy for his contact details to be published for councillors and members of the public to contact him (see below).

Planning: two planning applications had been considered since the previous meeting. Thursford Castle, the retention of garden room within walled garden retrospective, and at Sundene, Dildash Lane, erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions, front porch and canopy and detached car port. The Parish Council had no objection to either of them. The District Council approved both the applications as well as the one at Top Farm, internal and external works to repair and reinstate outbuilding.

Budget and Precept: the main item on the Agenda was setting the Budget and Precept for 2020-21. A draft budget had been circulated. It was noted that the charges for pest control might increase as under new regulations the site has to be visited every month. It was agreed to pay for the uncultivated allotments to be cut on a regular basis to keep the weeds down. A one off payment of £100 was made to Walsingham Parish Council for brackets for the Speed Awareness Messaging Unit as they have offered to include Great Snoring in the rota of sites for monitoring traffic. It was agreed to hold in reserve £1500 towards the sensory garden and playground project and continue to seek funding from elsewhere. It was agreed to set the precept for 2020-21 at £4,500, an increase of just under 12%.

Highway: the Clerk reported on the SAM2 traffic monitoring on Fakenham Road, coming into the village, during September. The average speed was less than 30 mph. Those going over 30 mph were usually between 11 pm and midnight or rarely between 5 am and 8 pm. There were only a couple of vehicles going at 40 mph between 11 pm and midnight.

Environment: it was noted that the Kissing Gate at the entrance to the footpath adjacent to the Church is in a very poor condition. It was agreed that it should be removed as the rotting wood is making it unsafe. Unfortunately it will not be replaced as officially there should not be a gate at this location.

The Pest Control Report dated 5 November noted that there was an increase in rat activity at certain places on the allotments. It recommended action to take including removing brambles from around pens, clearing away bedding from under the houses and not putting out more feed than the poultry can eat in a day (and to avoid feed with maize as this prevents rat poison from working).

'Help Save a Life': a volunteer from the Air Ambulance is offering to provide

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Jerome Mayhew (Con)

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9 January 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.

training for Defibrillator use and CPR. Please do contact the Parish Clerk on 01328 822366 or email greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com to register your interest in attending this training. We need a minimum of 10 people take part.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 7 pm in the Social Club. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Seasons Greetings

Recycling Banks at Top Farm

**glass - good quality clothes & shoes -
paper & magazines**

In Great Snoring we are fortunate to have a small recycling centre at the entrance to Top Farm, opposite the Social Club.

We have containers for glass bottles and jars; good quality clothes and shoes, and paper and magazines. The contents of the collection banks are weighed when they are emptied and the Parish Council receives recycling credits from the County Council (the rate is just over £60 per tonne). So far this year we have received just over £170 in recycling credits. The Parish Council has decided to hold 50% of the glass recycling credits in a separate account to go towards the maintenance of the Defibrillator.

Thank you to all those who have used the recycling banks at Top Farm, your support for the village is much appreciated.

Farming & the highways

Farming activities can have a significant effect on both the structure and appearance of our rural roads and Norfolk County Council is keen to work with the farming community to help ensure our roads are safe for all users.

A new section on the County Council website outlines how we can work together to help improve road safety and the roadside environment. The web pages include information on:

*cleaning of mud and spoil - moving livestock - maintaining ditches
drains and hedges - fire and straw burning - agricultural vehicles on the road,
use of agricultural road signs*

The County Council has annual contracts with local farmers in allocated areas to help with snow clearance so please contact the County Council if you would like to help by emailing NorfolkHighways.WinterServices@norfolk.gov.uk

There is also a list of farmers without an annual contract who can help with ad-hoc clearance when snow is particularly heavy, for example during last year's 'Beast from the East'.

Find out more at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/farmingandthehighway.



Fakenham Area Minibus Service

We provide a number of regular door to door services within Fakenham and to the surrounding villages for people over 55.

These routes are flexible and can divert to take in visits to health centres, dentists, banks and other vital destinations. We charge £3 for journeys within Fakenham and £4 for

collection from villages into Fakenham.

Wheelchairs and walking frames can be taken on board and a lift is available if you need help entering the bus.

Other trips can be arranged by prior agreement.

Our volunteer drivers and helpers will look after you and your shopping and you will always find someone to talk to on our friendly buses.

To book phone: 07990 026839

Contacting the Police

- in an emergency dial 999

- non-emergency dial 101

You can also contact the police officer who covers this area:

PC Jason Pegden (PC1257 - Wells SNT (C11), North Norfolk LDU)

Norfolk Constabulary
Wells Police Station
Polka Road - Wells-next-the-Sea
Norfolk NR23 1ED
tel: 01362 65(2155)
mob: 07967 820518

SCAMS

A scam is a dishonest scheme designed to cheat people out of money. There are many scams with new ones appearing constantly. Norfolk Trading Standards give useful guidance and advice, and you can sign up for consumer and/or business alerts on the Norfolk County Council website, where you can also report scams: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams>

Make sure you stay safe and secure. Take care opening the door to strangers, don't be tricked by telephone callers and don't give away your bank details.



Snoring Knitters

The Knitting Group continues to flourish, blankets in a rainbow of colours, plus socks, hats, baby clothes and muffs arriving each time.

All the items are taken to the Wool Loft at Sheringham part of the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers Group. All the items from groups throughout Norfolk are distributed to various care homes, hospitals etc.

Fidget Blankets sewn from re-used fabric, decorated with beads, buttons, ribbons, zips etc. to keep the hands of dementia patients occupied.

Anyone who is interested in joining us will be very welcome, the next date is: Tuesday 28 January 10am-12pm.

Please contact Frances 01328 878967 for further details.

Mobile Library Service 4 weekly on Fridays

14.45 - 15.00 outside Old School House, The Street; 15.05 - 15.25 Thursford Road

Information about the service and routes can be found on the Norfolk County Council website <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-libraries> The mobile library carries books for all ages and tastes.