

## Great Snoring

# Village Newsletter February 2023

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Great Snoring Parish website: https://greatsnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

## Great Snoring Parish Council

Contact details: **Clerk** Joanna Otte, Little Manor, Thursford Rd, Little Snoring, NR21 0JN. Telephone: 01328 822366 Email: greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com

**Councillors:** Averil Cooper; Jan Lockhart (Vice-Chair), Tom Norman, Dawn Spiteri, Vanessa Thompson (Chair), Joyce Tibbitts.

The minutes of Parish Council meetings and other information is available to view on the website: <u>https://greatsnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/</u>. Do contact the Clerk (details above) if you wish to bring

anything to the attention of the Parish Council.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be at 7pm on Thursday 9 March in the Social Club. All welcome to attend.

#### News from the Parish Council

The Chair's walk around the village with the Environmental Officer, which was due to take place at the end of last year, was postponed. It should be taking place in the next few weeks.

It is hope that the notice board on The Street will be finished soon and re-erected. Thanks to Wells Men's Shed for taking on this project.

The Parish Council is still awaiting official confirmation from the County Council regarding the request to add the Kissing Gate to the Definitive Map.



Services:

- 12 February 9.45 am Communion with Revd Robin Stapleford
- 19 February 10.40 am Group Communion with Revd David Head
- 12 March 9.45 am Communion with Revd Robin Stapleford

Note:

Ash Wednesday service on 22 February 11.30 am at Barney

### Invitation to informal opening of new Playground on Gurney's Ground

## Sunday 5 February at 2 pm All Welcome



The Parish Council hopes that children, families, residents and visitors will enjoy the fabulous playground on Gurney's Ground.



A view of the playground at Gurney's Ground

## Great Snoring Social Club

#### Party Night. Disco & Karaoke

Saturday 18 February at 8pm Nibbles appreciated.

#### • Quiz Night

Saturday 25 February at 7.30 for 8.00 pm Proceeds to Air Ambulance Further details from Jane Taylor on 01328 820620



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## Parish Council Elections

### Local Elections in May 2023

This year the Parish Council election coincides with the District Council elections on Thursday 4 May. 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?

The role is not too time-consuming: the Parish Council meets six times a year; councillors spend sometime 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. Councillors may claim out-ofpocket expenses for attending courses.

Make a difference and stand as a Parish Councillor

- Get involved with your community
- Have a say about the local issues people care about
- Influence the way local services are provided
- Decide how local money is spent to improve your community

Nomination packs will be available at the end of March from North Norfolk District Council

## Photo ID for Voting

The government has introduced a requirement for voters to show **photo ID when voting at a polling station** from 4 May. Individuals who don't have an accepted photo ID can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Accepted forms of photo ID include (please check online for conditions and further information https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-ama/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id) Passport, Driving licence, a Blue Badge, Older Person's Bus Pass, Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Oyster 60+ Card, Freedom Pass, Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card), National identity card issued by an EEA state. **Out of date photo ID:** You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

#### If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you

can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Use the following website to apply <u>https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate</u> or telephone 0800 328 0280.

Before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you need to register to vote: <u>https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</u>

Alternatively you could apply for a postal vote:

https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/electoralservices/apply-for-a-postal-vote/ telephone 01263 516046.

## Local Contacts

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County Councillor: Michael Dalby (Cons): 07504 545077 <u>Michael.dalby.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk</u>

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Norfolk County Council: 0344 800 8020 Road and footpath defects: <u>https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-</u> <u>transport/roads/report-a-problem</u>.

**North Norfolk District Council** 01263 513811 or <u>https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/</u> Environment and Emergencies tab to report fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.

Many issues and questions can be answered online and for those with Internet access it can be the most convenient and quickest way to get help and advice from NNDC.

- Website is at https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk
- Phone line 01263 513811 is available during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 5pm; Wednesday from 10am to 5pm; Fridays from 8.30am to 4.30pm).
- Outside office hours our contact number is 01223 849782.
- Email address is <u>customer.services@north-</u> <u>norfolk.gov.uk</u>. Any email sent to this address will be directed to the appropriate area within NNDC.
- Correspondence address is North Norfolk District Council, Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9EN. Again any enquires sent to this address will be passed onto the appropriate area.
- The District Council has an office in Fakenham (Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9DY) where you can have a face-toface discussion with a customer service advisor. You need to book an appointment which can be done online or by phone.