



Parish Clock

# Great Snoring Village Newsletter August 2023

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## Great Snoring Parish Council

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**Councillors:** Averil Cooper, Steven Hall, Tom Norman (Chair), Dawn Spiteri (Vice-Chair), Joyce Tibbitts and David Clifton who was co-opted in July in his absence. We look forward to welcoming him at the next meeting.

The minutes of Parish Council meetings and other information is available to view on the website:  
<https://greatsnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>.

Do contact the Clerk (details above) if you wish to bring anything to the attention of the Parish Council.  
**The next meeting is on Thursday 14 Sept at 7 pm in the Social Club.** All welcome to attend.

## News from the Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting, Tim Schofield of Raven Development spoke about the planning application at land west of School Farm (North Norfolk District Council planning application reference PO/23/1216). He explained that it was an outline planning application to see if it would be possible in principle to build a two-storey dwelling on the site using the criteria set out by the government for self-build. Although NNDC does not have its own policy for self-build, it will consider the application in the light of the national policy and guidelines. Since the introduction of the policy in 2016, NNDC has granted consent for one self-build dwelling. There are currently 157 people on its register for self-build. To be eligible for self-build a person has to be meet certain criteria including being in full-time employment and three years resident in North Norfolk and the self-build will be their principle private permanent residences for a further three years. The idea for this project if outline permission is granted, will be for Raven Development to work with the self-build owner to design a dwelling (which will then go through the usual planning application process with consultation) and then build the property.

**Fly Survey:** Thank you to those who completed the recent fly survey. Twenty nine surveys were completed: 14 from Thursford Road, 6 from The Street, 5 from Dilldash Lane and one each from Fakenham Road, Norwich Road, The Loke and Walsingham Road. While 22 noted that they had unacceptable

levels in previous years, 8 reported that they also had unacceptable levels this year (Dildash Lane, Thursford Road, The Street and Walsingham Road). One reported problems year around, others reported problems starting in April, May and June. Most said that the problems were general worse during July and August. The flies are worse in warmer (and wet), sunnier weather. The majority commented that the problem seems to have been solved because there is no poultry at the moment. However this is not the case across the village, e.g. some properties on Dilldash Lane have had a problem with flies since April. The report has been sent to the Environmental Protection officer and team at the District Council with a request to investigate areas with problems this year. The Officer has requested that people with fly problems contact her: [ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or 01263 516085.

The Parish Council noted with thanks to the Walsingham Estate that a couple of benches had been installed on Gurney's Ground.

## Message from Top Farm

I am just writing a short summary of what I said at the Parish Council Meeting in July in response to numerous rumours circulating around the village at present. Firstly, the rumour that when we restock Top Farm and Lower Farm, we will be changing to intensive farming is not true. The legal definition of intensive farming is birds more than 25kg per square metre (as is stated on the GB poultry register), we currently stock at 9 birds per square metre, with the birds weighing 1.8kg. When we restock in February, we will again stock at 9 birds per square metre on the same flat deck system as before, the only difference is the chickens will not have access to the range. When a vaccine for Bird Flu becomes available, we will revert back to Free Range, our decision to change temporarily barn egg production is solely for welfare reasons. At Lower Farm we will no longer keep ducks, so the mobiles on the field will be removed and the muck carted away after 12 November when our restrictions are lifted. We will keep our quail in one of the buildings at 6.2 kg per square metre, both a long way from being intensive!!! Secondly, the sheds at Top Farm have not been mucked out, this will not happen until after 12 November, and the muck removed from the village, we are currently removing equipment in preparation to mucking out and washing.

Whilst I understand the logic behind the idea of no flies with no chickens, means that the chickens are the sole cause of the flies. I have two comments about this as the fly survey shows we are not a truly fly free village, also in May 2018 we had a visit from environmental health because of large fly numbers in the village, and we were empty!!!

If you are in any doubt about my sincerity I suggest you listen to my interview on Radio 4's Farming Today on Tuesday 4 July, available on [BBC sounds](#), or feel free to contact me by email [david@topfarmeggs.co.uk](mailto:david@topfarmeggs.co.uk), due to current biosecurity restrictions we are unable to offer any visits around the poultry, if and when restrictions are eased we will be happy to show people around.

David Perowne

## St Mary's Church



### Services

- Sunday 13 August 9.45 am Communion
- Saturday 9 Sept Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride
- Sunday 10 September 9.45 am Harvest Festival Songs of Praise
- Saturday 11 November 11.00 am Remembrance
- Sunday 19 November Communion
- Monday 25 December 9.30 am Christmas Carols

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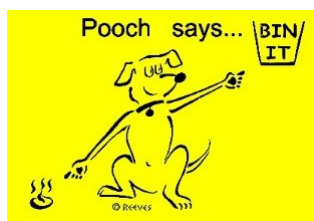
## Remember to pick up after you dog

Help keep the village clean and safe. There are two green dog bins provided by the Parish Council one near the Social Club and the other on Dildash Lane near the track to the allotments. Please use these bins or take the poo home and put in your own bin for general household rubbish.

Do note that it is an offence not to clean up after your dog in any public area (including roads, verges and private land open to the public) in North Norfolk. Failure to do so will incur an £80 fixed penalty fine (max £1,000).

If you see anyone breaking this law to clear up after the dog or dogs that they are walking, contact North Norfolk District Council on 01263 526085 or email [ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

There is also an online form on the District Council website under the Environment Protection tab.



## Sea Cadets Wells-next-the-Sea

At Sea Cadets Wells-next-the-Sea we aim to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. We offer various activities both on and off the water. We learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves gained through nautical adventure and fun based on the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy.

Sea Cadets is open to all young people aged 10 – 18 years. We parade on a Wednesday evening from 7 - 9 pm at Alderman Peel High School, and one Saturday of every month and are currently accepting new entries.

We're also always looking for adult volunteers to join us, whether it's becoming a trained instructor or just lending a helping hand. You don't need to have a background in the Navy or in water sports, just a positive attitude! Volunteering with Sea Cadets has many benefits, including giving back to the community, helping young people grow into adults and gaining qualifications to deliver variety of training we have to offer.

For all enquiries, please contact us at [wellsseacadets@gmail.com](mailto:wellsseacadets@gmail.com) or telephone 07889 136430 or <https://www.sea-cadets.org/apply>



## Allotments

Do you want to try out allotment gardening? If so there are plots available of varying sizes to suit your needs. For further information or to arrange a site visit to pick out an allotment please do contact the Parish Clerk: Joanna Otte on 01328 822366 or email [greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com](mailto:greatsnoringpc@googlemail.com).

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

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