

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.30 pm Wednesday 13 April 2016 in Welborne Village Hall. Our speaker this year will be Joe Webb (no relation to the chairman) who is the Waste and Environmental Strategy Officer at South Norfolk Council.

Joe will be talking about rubbish, including waste collections (especially the impact of the new wider recyclable collections), waste disposal, the process rubbish goes through, why councils have different colour bins, what we should really put in each bin and do we really need to clean jam jars and tomato sauce bottles?

Queen's 90th birthday party

A suggestion was made at the recent Parish Council meeting that the Queen's 90th Birthday should be recognised by organising a party across the whole parish; Coston, Brandon Parva, Runhall and Welborne.

We are delighted to say that Welborne Parochial Church Council, although it had started its own initial plans for a Welborne celebration, welcomed the idea of bringing all the villages together to recognise this important date, and is keen to be involved in a wider party.

In view of the limited time left before the actual day, it was suggested that a small working party, with representation from all the villages, should be quickly established to seek to agree a programme.

If you would like to be involved in helping to organise the event, please contact Susan Cross (01362 858612) or Brian Carter (01362 850342).

Welcome to the Parish

Our updated Parish 'Welcome Pack', which contains information for newcomers to the parish, has now been posted on our website under 'Welcome to the Parish'.

The Council believes that it would be a nice gesture if all newcomers were given a copy of the Welcome Pack as soon as they arrive. Please let Bev Long know the name (if known) and address of newcomers and she will send them a welcome letter and a printed copy of the Welcome Pack. Alternatively, please download and print direct from the website.

If you notice any errors or would like to make suggestions about other information that should be added in future, please let Bev Long know.

Parish Walks

News about 'parish walks' along all parish footpaths during 2016 will be in the next newsletter.

Sewer along Church Road, Welborne

Anglian Water had been invited to the meeting of the Parish Council on 2 March 2016. However, they would only agree to meet the Council privately. At the meeting, Anglian Water officers explained the proposed scheme as it stands.

The Council made them aware of the need to consider extending the proposed sewer to include the Nightingale Care Home to avoid the 2 or 3 tractor and tanker collections each week. This would have the effect of doubling the required capacity of the sewer and pumping station.

The Council also told them that the church would be interested in a sewer connection as part of their forthcoming Heritage Lottery Fund development and that there might also be interest from the private houses behind Nightingale Care Home and from Welborne Village Hall. We also asked whether the existing site behind Church View could be used for the proposed pumping station, rather than a site along Church Road.

Bev Long has now written to Anglian Water to confirm our concerns and asking for the scheme to 'go back to the drawing board'.

Increase in Parish Council Community Charge

The Parish Council has agreed that we need to increase the parish element of the Community Charge. This will add approximately £2 onto a Band D charge in 2016-2017. The main reason for the increase is that our clerk has, for several years, been working for more hours than we have paid her. The nature of the clerk's job and the time required has changed considerably over the last few years (e.g. changes in the law concerning the 'transparency' of Parish Councils; setting up and managing the Parish Council's website).

By law, the Parish Council has to employ a clerk as our 'Proper Officer' and it is unfair and wrong that we do not pay the clerk for what we get. To minimise the impact of the increase we have decided to increase in two steps - half in 2016-2017 and half in 2017-2018.

Mobile Library - revised timetable

Dates in 2016 9 March, 6 April, 4 May, 29 June, 1 June, 27 July, 24 August, 21 September, 19 October

WICKLEWOOD	HILLSIDE	09:50	10:05
WICKLEWOOD	PRIMROSE FARM	10:10	10:20
WICKLEWOOD	VILLAGE HALL	10:25	10:40
KIMBERLEY	THE GREEN	11:10	11:20
RUNHALL	IVY HOUSE	11:30	11:40
GARVESTONE	CROSSWAYS FARM	11:45	11:55
WELBORNE	CHURCH BUNGALOWS	12:00	12:15
WELBORNE	POUND LANE	12:20	12:30
WELBORNE	COMMON CROSSROADS	12:35	12:50
BRANDON PARVA	HARRISONS	12:55	13:10
BARNHAM BROOM	THE BELL PUB	14:25	14:40
BARNHAM BROOM	HILLSIDE	14:45	15:00
BARNHAM BROOM	THE SCHOOL	15:05	15:40
BARNHAM BROOM	PLAYING FIELD	15:45	16:00

My South Norfolk

You may not be aware that you can register with 'My South Norfolk' on the South Norfolk Council website at <http://my.south-norfolk.gov.uk/mysouthnorfolk.aspx>.

This very helpful service allows you to see information about your property, services near you and to set up alerts for things that may be of interest to you (e.g. dustbin collection days, planning applications).

Footpath Warden(s)

The Council is still looking for footpath wardens to keep an eye on some of the Public Rights of Way in the parish. As part of their role, footpath wardens will usually:

- Make themselves aware of the rules and regulations of Public Rights of Way
- Arrange or carry out at least one survey per year of all the Public Rights of Way within the Parish to check whether pathways are kept clear, route signs clearly visible and stiles, gates, and bridges in good order
- Report to the Parish Council on Public Rights of Way issues in the Parish
- Encourage Parishioners to adopt paths with a view to keeping them 'walkable'
- Act as a point of contact for local enquiries and reports on Public Rights of Way
- Liaise with landowners and Norfolk County Council on occasional remedial works

If you would be interested in taking on this role for the Parish Council for all, or some, of the rights of way in our villages, please contact Bev Long or Mike Webb

Parish Council meetings in 2016

18 May, 20 July, 21 September, and 30 November. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 13 April.

All meetings are in Welborne Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm. The council may have to hold additional meetings, particularly when we have to consider planning applications at short notice, and these will be advertised on village noticeboards and on our website. All residents are encouraged and welcome to come to meetings of the Council.

Parish responsibilities and contacts

Parish Clerk	Bev Long	01362 850162 but best contact is by email brownowlbev@gmail.com
Chairman	Mike Webb	01362 850327
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