

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Trevor Curson

It was with great sadness that the Council heard of the death of Parish Councillor, Trevor Curson, on 1 November. Trevor had been a Parish Councillor from 1983-1991 and also from 2003-2017; a total of 22 years. Trevor was a regular attender at meetings and always brought humour and common sense to the discussions. He will be missed by the Parish Council and all who knew him.

Vacancy

As a result of Trevor's death, there is a vacancy on the Council. We are obliged to try to fill the vacancy by co-option (which means we have to ask whether there is anyone who would like to come onto the council and, if so, to invite them to be a councillor).

If you would be interested, please contact Bev Long who will then send you an application form along with more information. Completed forms to be with Bev Long by 13 January 2018.

Norfolk Constabulary

A meeting was held by the Norfolk Constabulary to discuss the new vision for policing in Norfolk (Norfolk 2020). Details of the new vision can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website (www.police.uk/norfolk) under 'News'.

Information on police activity in our parish can also be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website. Our parish is included in 'Your Area'. Click on Wymondham from 'Select your Neighbourhood'.

Grant applications

The Council may not be able to make grants this year at the level of previous years and, possibly, not at all. However, we invite applications using the application form on our website. All applications must be received by Bev Long by 13 January 2018.

Noticeboards

The new noticeboards for Brandon Parva, Coston and Runhall are up! Thank you to Bev, Jack, Pete Long and David Kay for their hard work and also Mark Gill for arranging for the holes to be dug.

If you have a notice that you would like displayed on any or all of those three noticeboards, please drop them off at Bev Long's or they can be sent to her electronically. The new Welborne noticeboard, outside the village hall, allows you to add notices direct.

Broadband

In our last newsletter, we included the letter which we had received from Karen O’Kane, the Better Broadband for Norfolk project officer at the County Council. We were very concerned about the properties where it was said there is ‘no solution currently planned’. We did not understand how this was possible, especially where the properties are on roads where other properties will have connections.

Bev wrote again to Karen O’Kane and this is her reply, in full:

Hello Bev,

I’m sorry I know how frustrating this is for residents of properties where no fibre upgrade is currently planned. The reason that some properties in an area have a fibre solution whilst others do not is due to the localised nature of fibre solutions.

The 168 properties in the area of these four villages are currently served from three different BT local exchange areas:

- Barnham Broom which serves some properties in Brandon Parva, Coston and Runhall
- Hingham serves some properties in Coston
- Mattishall serves some properties in Brandon Parva, Runhall and Welborne

13 different fibre solutions are planned, subject to survey, these solutions are expected to serve 145 properties of the 168 properties. Some properties already have access, via cabinet 2 which is live.

23 properties currently have no solution planned. This is because the allocation of funding is based on achieving the maximum coverage possible for the available funding. The properties that do not currently have a solution planned are in the 5% of Norfolk properties with the most expensive cost to provide a fibre upgrade.

During survey, surveyors will assess these properties, and if any of the planned solutions can be expanded to cover them this will be identified. As further funding becomes available, further solution will be possible to provide further coverage.

Regards

Karen O’Kane, Programme Director – Better Broadband for Norfolk

We will include any further news of developments in future newsletters.

Anglian Water new sewer along Church Road and Mattishall Road, Welborne

The Council understands that construction work is now complete and that the system will become operational sometime in the new year.

The Council remains concerned about some of the reinstatement work by Anglian Water, particularly on the grassy triangle in front of Welborne Village Hall. The County Council has agreed to install kerbing on the remaining two corners of this and we have asked Anglian Water to make up the levels, particularly on the North West side.

Meet and Make

The group meets every first Thursday of the month from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Welborne Village Hall. If crafting isn't your thing, come for a chat and coffee or glass of wine. For further information, please contact Jane on 01362 858598

Meet and Chat

You are invited to Welborne Village Hall on the third Thursday of every month (but not December) between 2.00pm and 3.30pm for a cup of tea/coffee and the chance to meet up with friends for a chat by the fire in the village hall. Optional book/puzzle exchange and, players permitting, a game of chess or two.

Footpaths

We are still looking for volunteers to take on the role of footpath wardens in Brandon Parva, Coston and Welborne, either as individuals or with a friend, partner or another dog walker. If you would be interested in taking on the role in your village, please contact Bev Long.

Parish Council 2018 meeting dates

Parish Council meetings in 2018 will be on 17 January, 7 March, 23 May (which is also the AGM), 18 July, 19 September and 21 November. The Annual Parish Meeting will probably be on 25 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 clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info
Chairman	Mike Webb	01362 850327
Vice Chairman	Simon Guest	07543 645351
Councillor	Carolyn Bailey	01603 757644
Councillor	Andrew Egerton Smith	01362 850979
Councillor	Clare Kay	01603 757860
Councillor	Peter Wood	01362 850405
Councillor	Vacancy	
Fuel scheme co-ordinator	Jill Craig	01362 850113
Brandon Parva Litter Warden	Coralie Meadows	coralie.m@hotmail.co.uk
Coston + Runhall Litter Warden	Mark Gill and family	01603 759555
Welborne Litter Wardens	Brian and Margot Hancock	01362 858104
Runhall Footpath Warden	Jane Brown	01362 858598
County Councillor	Margaret Dewsbury	01603 759693
District Councillor	Michael Edney	01953 851342