

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

Parish Council Newsletter March 2026

Parish Council Meetings 2026

The dates of the 2026 Parish Council meetings are as follows:

April 15th (Annual Parish Meeting), May 20th (Annual Parish Council Meeting), July 15th, September 23rd, November 18th.

All meetings will be held in Welborne Village hall starting at 7.30 pm.

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 15th April in Welborne Village hall starting at 7.30pm. This is an informal meeting with an external speaker and plenty of tea and cakes!

Please do come along and find out what has been happening in the Parish over the last 12 months.

The external speaker will be Keith George who is a Senior Emergency Medical Technician (Paramedic) with the East of England ambulance trust, a Trauma Risk Management Practitioner, a wellbeing ambassador and a chaplain. Prior to joining the NHS ambulance service he was a volunteer for the St John's ambulance service for twenty years.

He will give a short talk on his work and also demonstrate the use of a defibrillator such as the one kept outside Welborne village hall. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and practice using the defibrillator.

Supporting your Local Community

We are pleased to inform you that two parishioners – Helen Lloyd and Alison Grice – have volunteered to jointly take on the role of footpath warden for Runhall. This now means that all our volunteer roles are currently filled and the Parish Council would like to thank all these volunteers for the time they put in to help support the parish.

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council which the council would like to encourage residents to consider volunteering for. Please think about it!

Parish Councillor – A Councillor is a member of the council and is normally elected for a term of four years. Councillors are elected to represent the interest of the local community as a whole and promote a harmonious local environment. Individual Councillors contribute to the work of the council by suggesting ideas, engaging in constructive debate, responding to the needs and views of the community and by helping the Council to make decisions on behalf of the local community. Our parish requires seven councillors and currently we have six. The vacancy will be filled by co-option (the council invites someone to join without the need for a public election).

If anyone is interested in taking on this role please contact the parish clerk, Bev Long.

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Welborne Village Hall

Our ever popular quiz and supper evening in February was a huge success, making more than £700 for the Charity which manages and maintains the village hall. The next event is an Easter Treasure Hunt and Coffee Morning starting at 11am on Good Friday 3 April Check the website for more information @welborne.org.uk.

The trustees of the Charity would like to invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14 April at 7pm and to receive a copy of Annual Report and Accounts which reviews achievements and reports on the financial position for the year to end December 2025. Light refreshments will be available.

Flooding - Maintenance of Grips and Ditches

A factor accentuating flooding problems in our parish is the state of some of the grips and ditches. The grips are the responsibility of Norfolk County Council whilst the ditches are primarily the responsibility of the landowners on whose property they reside. The grips have recently been cleaned out but if there remain issues please report them to Norfolk County Council.

Landowners who have ditches or other watercourses on their property are usually classed as Riparian Owners of the watercourse, which comes with rights and responsibilities. These rights and responsibilities include ensuring the waterways are kept clear of obstruction which would help reduce the risk of flooding to properties and the roads. Please ensure that this is done.

Litter, Dog Poo and Pot Holes

Our litter wardens do a very good job in the parish and they can be helped by everyone removing any litter they come across. It is an offence to drop litter in this country and people can and have been fined up to £500 for doing so.

It has been reported that there has been an increase in dog poo being left on grass verges in the parish. Please clean up after your dogs. Dog fouling incidents should be reported to South Norfolk Council who can fine owners up to £100.

In order to get pot holes filled in they must be reported on the Norfolk County Council website - www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-maintenance/potholes .

Parish Council Information

Items for the agenda - If you would like to propose an item for the agenda of an upcoming meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Noticeboards - The parish noticeboards are always a good place to look for up to date or important information.

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