

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Parish Council Website

A reminder that we have a new website bpcrwparishcouncil.info and that Bev's email address is now clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info

You will see that the new website allows us to include photos. Several people have already sent images of our villages and Bev has added them to the website. If you also have suitable images, please email them to Bev.

Noticeboards

The noticeboards in Runhall and Brandon Parva are in a sorry state. Luckily, Michael Edney, our District Councillor, has found us some money to replace them. Bev Long is getting quotations and we should be able to go ahead after our next meeting. It is planned to move the Runhall noticeboard from its current position to just outside the play area.

In Welborne, we had planned to move our noticeboard to the village hall. Following discussions with the village hall trustees, we will remove the existing noticeboard and use the new village hall noticeboard for council notices, at least until we can justify buying our own.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

The Council had two applications to fill the current vacancy. It is very encouraging that we always have applications to fill vacancies on the Council, given the very small population in the parish. We are aware that many small parishes do not manage to fill all their vacancies.

The Council has decided to co-opt Simon Guest, who lives in Upper Brandon Parva, on to the Council.

What can you offer?

The Parish Council is keen for people of our parish to help our neighbours and to ask for their neighbours help.

If you have something like a piece of land or an empty garage or have an empty rental house, and would like to help locals by offering it within our community, or would like to rent land or buildings, please contact Bev Long or Mike Webb to arrange advertising it in our next newsletter.

Cheaper domestic fuel oil

With fuel prices rising again, we continue to urge householders to join our domestic oil bulk-buying scheme. This continues to save our members up to 6 pence per litre, or around £120 a year. By registering, you are under no obligation to buy through the scheme.

To register, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jill Craig on 01362 850113 or jill.oldwillowcottage@gmail.com.

A reminder to anyone who has bought oil through the scheme to let Jill know the price you paid.

Grant applications

We explained in our last newsletter that the Council may not be able to make grants this year at the level of previous years and, possibly, not at all. However, we received 4 applications and these will be considered at our next meeting when we set our budget for 2017-2018.

Reporting highway problems

In the cold and wet weather, problems develop very quickly.

The best way to report urgent highway problems, such as potholes, is to contact the Highways Department direct as soon as possible. You can do this by phoning **0344 800 8009** or by emailing highways@norfolk.gov.uk, giving accurate information on the size of the pothole and location.

If you see any non-urgent things that need fixing (such as damaged signs, blocked drains, subsidence) please let Bev or your local councillor know before our next meeting.

Help!

Jane Brown has volunteered to take on the role of footpath warden for Runhall. Thank you Jane! That means we are still looking for volunteers to take on the role of footpath wardens in our other villages, 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.

Thank you

Mariska and Tim Dickinson have asked us to pass on a thank you message to someone that they think is a local resident.

A few weeks ago, around the end of October, Tim was out walking the dogs in Runhall when he had a diabetic hypo. A passer-by in a car spotted him and fortunately seemed to recognise that Tim was in need of immediate assistance. Mariska and Tim realize that without this 'good Samaritan' the outcome could have been a lot worse.

Parish Council 2017 meeting dates

Regular Parish Council meetings in 2017 will be on 11 January, 8 March, 17 May, 19 July, 20 September and 29 November. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 19 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 NOTE new email	01362 850162 but best contact is clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info
Chairman	Mike Webb	01362 850327
Vice Chairman	Trevor Curson	01362 858184
Councillor	Carolyn Bailey	01603 757644
Councillor	Andrew Egerton Smith	01362 850979
Councillor	Simon Guest	07543 645351
Councillor	Clare Kay	01603 757860
Councillor	Peter Wood	01362 850405
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

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