

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable time over the festive period. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for supporting each other during 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are here, as a parish council, to work for you, the parishioners. So let us know what is important to you and what the community needs, either by email, phone or by coming to our meetings.

All the best for 2024 – Simon Guest, John Baldock, Andrew Gill, Clare Kay, Mike Webb, Peter Wood and Bev Long.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is still one remaining vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Parish Clerk, Bev Long. If you would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please feel free to contact the Council Chairman (details overleaf).

Power Cuts/Phone Availability

There is a concern that some people may be completely out of contact during power cuts due to land lines now being routed through broadband which is not available during power outages. Ofcom (who regulate phone services) have said that "If you are dependent on your landline phone your provider must offer you a solution to make sure you can contact the emergency services when a power cut occurs. For example, a mobile phone (if you have signal), or a battery back-up unit for your landline phone" (Ofcom website – *Future of land line calls*). They recommend you contact your provider to discuss options.

Parish Council Grants

Every year the Parish Council may be able to make small grants for projects within the Parish. If you want to apply for a grant in 2024, please use the application form on the website and submit your application to the Parish Clerk by 31st December 2023.

Parish Council Meetings 2024

The dates of the 2024 Parish Council meetings are as follows:

January 10th, March 6th, April 17th (Annual Parish Meeting), May 29th (Annual General Meeting), July 17th, September 18th, November 20th.

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

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Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

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Runhall Community Group

Runhall Community Group have successfully obtained a grant from South Norfolk to help with the renovation of the play area with the aim of improving the facilities for all members of the community. This is in support of the plans detailed in the October Parish Council Newsletter.

Winter Warm and well offer from Norfolk Libraries

Norfolk libraries are providing a winter warm and well offer including free hot drinks, free hot water bottles and blankets and free toiletries bags. For further details see the Library page on the Norfolk County Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries.

Pot holes – Highways

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. Please report any you see to help maintain the roads in our parish.

A helping hand for South Norfolk residents

South Norfolk Council recognise how important it is for our elderly residents to stay in their own homes for as long as possible and sometimes a small change can make a big difference. The Council's Handyperson+ scheme supports residents with a wide range of small household repairs and minor adaptation work. The experienced team can help with many tasks including fitting key safes, fall prevention adaptations, smoke alarms, grab rails and better lighting. For further details please see the South Norfolk website

www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/help-stay-existing-home/south-norfolk-handyperson-service. The charges for this service depend on your circumstances.



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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