

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Snow clearing

On behalf of all residents, the Parish Council thanks all the farmers, and others, who cleared snow from many roads after the recent very heavy snow. We have also heard of the great community spirit with people helping dig vehicles out, checking on neighbours, giving lifts and shopping for neighbours.

To avoid missing anyone out who helped, we will avoid naming anyone but, to all those who did anything for us, thank you!

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is at 7.30 Wednesday 25 April in Welborne Village Hall. All residents are invited to this now well-established annual community event.

Our guest speaker is Tom McCabe, who is the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services at the County Council.

Tom will be talking about the wide range of services for which he is responsible and which support residents, communities, businesses and visitors in Norfolk - services such as libraries, museums, adult education, waste management, highway maintenance, trading standards, park and ride and public transport.

Ditches

Following the bad weather recently some ditches have become blocked; in some cases by soil scooped up with the snow. Please can all landowners clear any ditches for which they are responsible.

New Parish Councillor

The Council welcomes Jaqui Russell from Runhall who has been co-opted on to the Council. It is great to have people volunteering for roles in the parish when they become vacant and we thank everyone who does volunteer to get involved.

The Green, Runhall

The Council has been told about problems along The Green in Runhall. The verges have been churned up by vehicles. If you live along The Green or are driving along it, the Council asks you to be considerate and avoid making things worse.

South Norfolk Council's Big Litter Pick 2018

Clare Miller is hoping to organise a Big Litter Pick in 2018. The date for this and further information in a future newsletter.

Anglian Water sewer along Church Road and Mattishall Road, Welborne

The Council is still chasing Anglian Water to reinstate the 'grassy triangle' in front of Welborne Village Hall. Anglian Water appear to have accepted responsibility but we are still badgering them to get on with reinstatement work to its original levels, particularly on the North West side.

Local residents will have seen the damage caused by people driving on to the reinstated verges along the route of the sewer. If this has been caused by local residents, please avoid doing this until the verges have stabilised and the grass regrown. If you see others causing damage, please ask them to stop.

Mobile phone coverage

One of the issues raised by residents in the parish plan consultation was about mobile phone coverage. The Parish Council has come across the following information which you may be interested in.

Mobile phone companies have committed to the government to raise coverage to 90% of the country. This is in their contracts with the government to operate networks. The government are not actively doing anything else other than encouraging the phone companies.

Ofcom provide a checker to look at mobile coverage in any area (by postcode).
<https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/mobile-coverage>

There are 4 providers of mobile networks – EE, O2, Vodafone and Three. Any complaints or concerns about your coverage should be directed to your network provider or Ofcom.

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.

Countryside Ranger

The Parish Council has been trying for some time to recruit volunteers from the parish to act as 'footpath wardens'. Jane Brown has taken on the role in Runhall but, so far, we have been unsuccessful in finding volunteers to take on the role in our other villages. We have decided to clarify and expand the role and to refer to it as a 'Countryside Ranger'. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who has an interest in their local environment.

The aims would be to:

- Create a local network of people who can gather and share local knowledge.
- Bring issues to the notice of the Parish Council
- Encourage others to visit, walk, and volunteer, thus protecting and improving the lovely countryside in which we live.

Countryside Rangers will have the full support of the Parish Council and be covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance. The full 'job description' has been posted on the Parish Council website.

If you are encouraged to consider taking on this important role in your village, please contact Bev Long.

Parrish Council 2018 meeting dates

Parish Council meetings in 2018 will be on 23 May (which is also the AGM), 18 July, 19 September and 21 November. The Annual Parish Meeting is on 25 April (see information about the Annual Parish Meeting above).

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

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