

# Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

## Parish Council Newsletter January 2026

### Parish Council Meetings 2026

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

March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting), May 20<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Council Meeting), July 15<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

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### Support your Local Community – Volunteers still needed

There are two opportunities to help the parish which have been available for some time and the Parish Council would like to encourage residents to consider volunteering. Please think about it!

In order to effectively represent and support the parish it is important to have all our council and volunteer roles filled. None of the roles are onerous but they all help the local community and the running of the local parish. The roles we are looking to fill are:

**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).

**Footpath warden** - A vacancy has arisen for a new footpath warden covering the Runhall footpaths.

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

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 in Welborne village hall. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and practice using the defibrillator.

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### Parish Council Precept 2026

The annual Parish Council precept was discussed at the January Parish Council meeting. Having reviewed the financial position it was decided that due to inflation, we would need to have a small increase in the precept this year.

Grant applications were received this year from the Runhall Allotments and the Runhall Play Area – both were to cover insurance costs. The council agreed it could afford to make a small contribution of £50 to both requests.

### Runhall Community Group

Happy New Year from the Runhall Community Group and thank you for all your support throughout 2025.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the carol singing and the Christmas raffle. We raised £575.90

We will be commencing a new round of fundraising to further improve our recreation ground, so please continue to follow us here in the Parish Council Newsletter or on Facebook (Runhall Community Group) for future fundraising updates and events. In addition please contact us at [Runhallcg@gmail.com](mailto:Runhallcg@gmail.com) if you are aware of any businesses who would like to donate or grants that may help our community.

Thank you.

### Welborne Village Hall

Our Christmas Fair on 29 November was a great success, raising over £900 for the Charity which runs the village Hall. It was good to see so many people chatting over coffee, homemade cakes or a bowl of hot soup.

The next event is our ever popular Quiz and Supper evening on Friday 27 February. Keep an eye on the website for booking details for this event at [www.welborne.org.uk](http://www.welborne.org.uk)

### 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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