

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Queen's 90th Birthday Parish Picnic

The Parish Council and Welborne All Saints Church have arranged a parish picnic on Sunday 12 June from 12.30 - 2.30. Further details in this newsletter.

If you are willing to help with the event, please contact Stephanie Austin (07745 205601) or Susan Cross (01362 858612).

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting took place on 13 April 2016 and was probably the most well-attended there has ever been. Our speaker was Joe Webb who is the Waste and Environment Strategy Officer for South Norfolk Council. Joe's presentation covered everything from how much waste is collected to why it is important not to crush items before putting them in the recycle bin.

He said that South Norfolk Council is always encouraging the reduction of waste, particularly by recycling. South Norfolk runs successful 'Re-Use' events where old items, including electrical, can be disposed of but may then be taken by someone else.

More about Joe's talk may be found in the minutes of the meeting. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation will shortly be on our website.

Following Joe's talk and questions afterwards, the meeting received reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council and from parish organisations. All reports are on the Parish website under the meetings tab.

State of the Parish

The Parish Council has heard from a resident who highlighted many concerns about the state of our roads, roads signs etc. The Council agrees that there is much to be done. Unfortunately, many complaints are about the roads and road signs which are the responsibility of the County Council and which has very limited funding.

Bev Long has passed the resident's comments to the Highways Department, along with our very supportive views. We have also contacted our Highways Engineer about some specific concerns.

A major concern is the poor state of our roads and verges caused by farmers, their contractors, 'white van men' and people in cars. We can all do our bit by not driving on verges, especially following heavy rain.

The Council asks farmers, in particular, and their contractors to take care to avoid damaging roads, verges and signs. A big contribution to this would be to avoid using vehicles and plant that are wider than the road surface. If a sign is damaged, the responsible thing to do is to own up to it with the Parish Council or County Council Highways and arrange for it to be repaired.

Problems can always be reported direct to Norfolk County Council via their website <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-maintenance>

Thefts

We have heard about several thefts recently in Coston. Councillor Carolyn Bailey had some items from outside her house taken and items of farm equipment were taken from Gill's farm.

Please be on the lookout for any suspicious vehicles, especially 'white van men'. DC Andy Brown is the lead for the Police Rural Crime Task Force. You can contact him by email brownap@norfolk.pnn.police.uk or phone 07900 407106.

Waste collection days

Waste collection days across the parish are changing. You should, by now, have received a pack from South Norfolk Council which tells you when collections will be made. We think that collections will be on a Tuesday across the parish. To check which day and to find out more, go to www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/bins or email binchanges@s-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01508 533633.

Welcome to the Parish

Our updated Parish 'Welcome Pack', which contains information for newcomers to the parish, has now been posted on our website under 'Welcome to the Parish'.

The Council believes that it would be a nice gesture if all newcomers were given a copy of the Welcome Pack as soon as they arrive. Please let Bev Long know the name (if known) and address of newcomers and she will send them a welcome letter and a printed copy of the Welcome Pack. Alternatively, please download and print direct from the website.

If you notice any errors or would like to make suggestions about other information that should be added in future, please let Bev Long know.

Parish Walks

News about 'parish walks' along all parish footpaths, probably during the summer holidays, will be in the next newsletter.

Sewer along Church Road, Welborne

Bev Long wrote to Anglian Water to confirm our concerns that we raised with them at our meeting on 2 March 2016. The Parish Council has not heard from Anglian Water what they are going to do. We understand that residents have heard nothing either. If there is any news, please let Bev Long know.

Footpath and Tree Wardens

The Council is still looking for volunteers to take on the roles of footpath warden and tree warden.

If you would be interested in taking on either of these roles for the Parish Council, please contact Bev Long or Mike Webb.

Parish Council meetings in 2016

20 July, 21 September, and 30 November.

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	01362 850162 but best contact is by email brownowlbev@gmail.com
Chairman	Mike Webb	01362 850327
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Councillor	Stephanie Austin	07745 205601
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Councillor	Clare Kay	01603 757860
Councillor	Peter Wood	01362 850405
Councillor	Carolyn Bailey	01603 757644
Fuel scheme co-ordinator	Jill Craig	01362 850113
Brandon Parva Litter Warden	Coralie Meadows	coralie.m@hotmail.co.uk
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County Councillor	Margaret Dewsbury	01603 759693
District Councillor	Michael Edney	01953 851342

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