

# Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

## **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parish Picnic**

Despite the inclement weather, the picnic was a success! Radio Norfolk contacted us and said they were going to use Welborne as a stop on their Treasure Quest programme on the Sunday morning and, if we would give them an interview, they would advertise the event. A local group, the Albanian Washing Machine Company, provided music for free. 61 adults and children attended the event and the rain held off until it was time to dismantle the marquees.

The Parish Council would like to thank Stephanie Austin and Susan Cross (from All Saints Church, Welborne) for organising our celebration of the Queen's birthday. The Council hopes that we will collaborate on future events.

## **Vacancy on the Parish Council**

The Council is very sorry to report that Stephanie Austin has resigned from the Parish Council. We are very grateful to Stephanie for her contributions to the work of the Council, especially leading the team that successfully produced the Parish Plan.

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council which will be filled by co-option. If you are interested, please contact Bev Long, our Parish Clerk.

Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding and valued form of public service. All Councillors contribute to the work of the Parish Council by:

- Having a say about the things they care about
- Putting forward ideas for better services
- Responding to the needs and views of parishioners
- Seeking the best outcome to local issues
- Getting involved in decision making
- Helping to make Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne better places to live.

## **Parish Walks and Footpath Wardens**

We are still looking for volunteer Footpath Wardens - may be one in each village? With Stephanie Austin's resignation, we also need someone to organise a programme of 'parish walks' along parish footpaths.

If you would like to volunteer as a Footpath Warden or as organiser of Parish Walks, please contact Bev Long.

## **Fly tipping**

The Council understands that residents may not want to confront anyone fly tipping. However, if you see fly tipping taking place, please record the vehicle number or take a photo and forward the information to our clerk, Bev Long, and the local police.

## **Sewer along Church Road, Welborne**

We have finally had a reply from Anglian Water about our concerns. Anglian Water have agreed to provide a connection for Welborne Village Hall and will consider using that connection to connect the church. However, Anglian Water will not connect Nightingale Care Home or the houses beyond it.

The Council understands that the work will take place from April - September 2017. It will clearly cause inconvenience, with local roads being closed for quite a long time. We do not yet know the dates of road closures or which of the possible alternative routes will be used.

## **Highways' Rangers**

Residents may not be aware that the parish is visited periodically by 'Highways' Rangers'. Their role is to carry out minor works that they find or they have been told about beforehand by the Parish Council.

These are the sorts of work that the Rangers will carry out:

- Side out a carriageway or footway (overgrown grass/weeds or soil encroachment)
- Strim grass verges
- Clear verge grips
- Rod and flush drains
- Clean out drainage gullies
- Clean out drainage chambers
- Rod and flush kerb drainage off lets
- Wash signs, bollards or reflector posts
- Minor sign/post repairs (such as straightening and reattaching)
- Repair minor kerb defects
- Clear small areas of mud and soil from the carriageway
- Soil and seed verges

These are the sorts of things Rangers will not do

- Repair carriageway / footway surface defects (such as potholes/ cracking). These should be raised with the Highways Department when noticed, as they are repaired by separate gangs
- Clear ditches which are in private ownership
- Trim hedges which are in private ownership
- Street Name Plates i.e. "High St". These are the responsibility of the District Council
- Clear large areas of mud and soil from the carriageway. The District Council is the Street Cleaning Authority
- Clear build-up of leaves from footway /carriageway. The District Council is the Street Cleaning Authority
- Rubbish/ litter pick which is the responsibility of the District Council

If you are aware of any work that the Council should ask the Rangers to do, please let Bev Long know.

## **Flexi Bus Service**

The Flexi Bus service to Wymondham operates from Brandon Parva, Runhall and Coston. Welborne is not currently covered by the service. If enough people would like a Welborne to Wymondham service then there is a possibility that it could be included. Please let Bev Long know if you would be interested in this service.

## Parish Plan

The Council has begun to consider 'Medium Term' actions in the Parish Plan. The next of these concern the possible acquisition of land by the council for community use.

## Noticeboards

There are four Parish Council noticeboards - one in each village. We have agreed that the one in Runhall should be moved in front of the Play Area on East Green to make it accessible.

In Welborne, the noticeboard is on Horseshoe Road. The site was presumably originally chosen because it was next to the Horseshoes pub and the telephone box. The Council is considering moving the noticeboard to Welborne Village Hall. Are there any strong views about this? Please let Bev Long know.

We do not plan any changes to the noticeboards in Brandon Parva or Coston except to trim the vegetation around them and give them a clean.

## Environment Agency letter

The Council has heard from the Environment Agency about maintenance work that they have carried out (and intend to carry out) in the parish along the River Yare. A copy of the letter from the Environment Agency and their programme of work will be posted on the parish council website under 'documents'.

## Parish Council meetings in 2016

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 <a href="mailto:brownowlbev@gmail.com">brownowlbev@gmail.com</a>
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