

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

Parish Council Newsletter March 2024

Parish Council Meetings 2024

The dates of the 2024 Parish Council meetings are as follows: April 17th (Annual Parish Meeting), May 29th (Annual Meeting of the Parish), July 17th, September 18th, and November 20th. All meetings will be held in Welborne Village hall starting at 7.30 pm.

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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 contact the Council Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17th April. 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 PC Chris Shelley (OP Randall Rural Crime Officer).

Operation Randall is Norfolk Police's focused team working on rural crime and is led by PC Chris Shelley (OP Randall Rural Crime Officer). Rural crime tends to fall into one of four categories - Agricultural, Equine, Wildlife and Heritage but ends up covering so much more within a rural community. PC Shelley will give a talk on rural crime in Norfolk with particular reference to this part of the county and will be available to answer your questions.

Keeping your Dog under control

There was a recent dog attack on a domestic flock of hens in the parish. Please can all dog owners remember that they are responsible for keeping their dog under control at all times when they are in public. If an owner's dog strays onto private land and attacks domestic poultry they are responsible and should take steps to ensure that the flock owner is immediately made aware.

Take care around electrified fences

At this time of year a number of fields have sheep in them protected by electrified fencing. Please take care when walking near these fences which in some cases are close to Public Rights of Way.

National mobile phone campaign

Norfolk Police have been supporting a national campaign which aims to raise awareness amongst drivers who choose to use their mobile phone behind the wheel. You are four times more likely to have a crash when you use a mobile phone whilst driving. As a result, it has been illegal to do so since December 2003 (unless it is hands-free).

Mobile phone use whilst driving is regarded as one the 'Fatal Four' driving offences. The fatal four refer to the four leading contributing factors which cause serious and fatal collisions and are - Drink and drug driving; the non-wearing of seat belts; excess speed and driving whilst distracted (such as using a mobile phone).

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News from Welborne Village Hall

Welborne Village Hall Trustees will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Monday 15 April. This is an opportunity to hear about the events and work of the Trust throughout the year 2023 and to learn about projects and events planned for 2024.

The Annual Report from the Chair will be available for comment together with the Financial Report. Light refreshments will be served

Clean Up and Bloom

As reported in the last newsletter the parish council has received a Clean Up & Bloom grant of £300 from South Norfolk Council to improve public areas in the parish. An application to use £100 of this award has been received and agreed, which leaves £200 still available.

It can be used to purchase flowers, shrubs, trees or pay for landscaping. It can also be used to hold litter picks, in fact, anything that helps the district to 'Clean Up & Bloom'.

If you wish to apply for money from the grant or have a suggestion as to how the grant should be used please contact the parish clerk, Bev Long.

Flooding - Maintenance of Grips and Ditches

A factor accentuating flooding problems in our parish is the state of some of the grips and ditches. The grips are primarily the responsibility of Norfolk County Council whilst the ditches are primarily the responsibility of the landowners on whose property they reside. The grips have recently been cleaned out, although the Parish Council still has some concerns on some of them which have been raised with Norfolk County Council.

Landowners who have ditches or other watercourses on their property are usually classed as Riparian Owners of the watercourse, which comes with rights and responsibilities. These rights and responsibilities include ensuring the waterways are kept clear of obstruction which would help reduce the risk of flooding to properties and the roads.



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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