

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Our guest speaker on 25 April was Tom McCabe, Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services at the County Council. His role covers highways, waste disposal including waste centres, economic development, public rights of way, the fire service, libraries, museums and the archive service. In other words, he is responsible for most of the County Council except for Children's and Adult Services!

Tom explained that the County council is big, with a £1.4 billion budget and that there has been a 5.99% increase in Community Charge for Norfolk County Council services for current year.

His wide-ranging talk included

- All high schools, apart from one or two, are now academies, but most primary schools are still local authority and governor led
- It is Norfolk County Council's responsibility to make sure there are enough schools
- £26m is spent on providing buses for children to attend school
- Adult Services – over £1million a day spent on this ,
- Children's services have a big spend on looked-after-children, of which there are 1,200 in Norfolk. The cost for one child can be up to £250,000
- Government grants to NCC are being phased out by 2021; to be replaced by business rates

People from parish organisations were invited to speak about their activities in the previous year.

Written reports have been posted on the Parish Council website from Parish Council chairman, County Councillor, District Councillor, Fuel Scheme Coordinator, Welborne Village Hall, Mattishall Doctors, Barnham Broom Primary School, Runhall Recreation Ground, Runhall Play Area, Mattishall Primary School, Norfolk Mobile Library Service, Countryside Ranger and All Saints Church, Welborne.

Parish Council changes

Simon Guest is the new chairman of the Parish Council, with Carolyn Bailey taking over as Vice Chairman. Mike Webb retires to the back benches.

Our new councillor, Jaqui Russell from Runhall, is taking over as editor of this newsletter

South Norfolk Council's Big Litter Pick 2018

Thank you to Clare Miller for organising the recent Big Litter Pick in Runhall and thanks also to the volunteers for taking part.

Internet access

Last September we reported on the planned improvements to broadband for the parish that Norfolk County Council were progressing via their Better Broadband for Norfolk project. At the time the County Council said there were a number of properties in the parish for which no solution was currently planned.

We have been pushing the County Council to find a solution for these properties and have made progress with the following update provided by the county council on the 23 May 2018.

“I’m pleased to tell you that we’re optimistic of reaching the locations you enquired about (below) via the wireless broadband project InTouch Systems are delivering for us - but we’d only be certain following a survey.

Can you let me know which places InTouch should survey please? We’d need to have names and contact details of people interested in taking the service which we would pass to InTouch for them to get on with.”

Brandon Parva	NR9 4DL	Old Rectory
Coston	NR9 4DT	Coston Hall
Runhall	NR9 4DW	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 East Green, The Mordice, Wood Farm and Wood Farm Bungalow
Runhall	NR9 4DN	Mill House
Runhall	NR9 4DR	Low Farm and Low Farm Cottage
Welborne	NR20 3SL	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 All Saints Close
Welborne	NR20 3FL	Greenacre
Welborne	NR20 3LH	Old Hall Farm

So, if you are impacted by this and want the Parish Council to pass on your details to Norfolk County Council for them to include you in their then please let Bev Long know by 30 June 2018.

For anyone not on the list but interested in an InTouch option, we are happy to pass your details to the Norfolk County Council to see if you can be included in this activity (but there already is a plan for your house) or you could contact InTouch directly.

Anglian Water sewer along Church Road and Mattishall Road, Welborne

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to report that this long-standing issue will shortly be resolved.

Anglian Water has agreed to reinstate the ‘grassy triangle’ in front of Welborne Village Hall. They will carry out the work once County Council Highways have installed the promised new kerbing at each corner. The work by the County Council has been delayed because of their priority being potholes across the county after the hard winter.

Obstructions on roads

Following reports of problems along The Green in Runhall, the Council has been told that any significant problems with access on any roads should be reported at the time they are seen to the Police on phone 101.

We have also been told that any problems with obstructions on the roads generally should be reported to County Council Highways at <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>



Consultation on the draft Norfolk Access Improvement Plan March 16th to June 15th 2018

Norfolk County Council is creating a new 10 year plan for improving Norfolk's countryside access network (Public Rights of Way) and **welcomes your views on the draft plan.**

Our vision is to:

- Manage the countryside access network so it meets the varying demands placed on it;
- Increase public, economic and environment benefit associated with paths;
- Involve communities;
- Act pragmatically with others to make best use of resources;
- Increase investment in the countryside access network.

To access the draft plan and make your comments, please follow this link: www.norfolk.gov.uk/naip

Paper copies of the draft plan are available at all Norfolk libraries and at County Hall, Norwich, NR1 2SG.

The Norfolk Access Improvement Plan incorporates the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Norfolk. The new plan is required under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000



Welborne church workshops

As part of the Heritage Lottery funded 'Fawltly Tower' project, Welborne church is putting on a number of workshops to learn the skills necessary to care for our historic churches and other local historic buildings. The workshops will be informal, hands-on, learning sessions led by expert conservation professionals and will cover the use of lime mortars, renders, plasters and paints for repair of existing buildings.

No prior knowledge or skills are required; only an interest in traditional repair techniques for historic buildings. The more sessions you are able to attend, the more you can learn. Further workshops are planned for the autumn

The dates are 6, 7, 14 and 15 July, all from 11am to 4pm. For more information, please email Dr Dean Sully d.sully@ucl.ac.uk

Meet and Chat

You are invited to Welborne Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month between 2.00pm and 3.30pm for a cup of tea/coffee and the chance to meet and make friends for a chat by the fire in the village hall or in the pretty garden. Occasional book/puzzle exchange and, players permitting, a game of chess, scrabble, or similar. No meeting in August. Further information and photos are on welborne.org.uk or see Facebook.

Parish Council 2018 meeting dates

Parish Council meetings in 2018 will be on 18 July, 19 September and 21 November. 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 meetings are in Welborne Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm. 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 clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info
Chairman	Simon Guest	07543 645351
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Councillor	Peter Wood	01362 850405
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Coston + Runhall Litter Warden	Mark Gill and family	01603 759555
Welborne Litter Wardens	Brian and Margot Hancock	01362 858104
Runhall Footpath Warden	Jane Brown	01362 858598
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