

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

No Cold Calling

Margaret Dewsbury, our County Councillor, had suggested that it might be possible for a whole village to be a 'No Cold Calling Zone'. In other words, no door-to-door selling allowed. It seems that this is not possible, so the County Council is looking to help areas that want to set up zones to protect local people who may be particularly vulnerable to this.

If you would like to suggest any possible such zones in our parish please contact Bev Long.

Dog Poo

It is, unfortunately, necessary to repeat warnings to a few irresponsible dog owners.

Dog owners are responsible for picking up dog poo and taking it home. This includes public footpaths. The whole of South Norfolk is covered by the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which makes it an offence not to clear up after a dog on any area of land that is open to the public, with a few exceptions.

If you see someone allowing their dog to foul and not clearing up after it, please contact Environmental Services at South Norfolk Council with details of your complaint on Freephone 0808 168 2999 or email envserv@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

Anglian Water sewage scheme in Welborne

Work has now begun on Welborne Road as well as Church Road. Both roads will remain closed while Anglian Water continue work on the project.

The Parish Council told Anglian Water of our disappointment that work had taken place on the grassy triangle in front of Welborne Village Hall with no prior warning and with no consideration of its use as a car park. However, reinstatement has now mostly been completed. We are chasing for further work to be done on levelling and more grass seed sowing. Hopefully, the grass will be sufficiently established before events begin again in the autumn at the village hall and the church.

Anglian Water kindly agreed to provide some 'SLOW' signs along Church Lane after a spate of accidents because of the very poor visibility caused by the maize growing on either side of the road as well as the usual potholes, stones and soil on the road.

If there are changes to road closures, details will be posted on the Welborne village website (welborne.org.uk) and also on the Parish Council website (bpcrwparishcouncil.info).

Noticeboards

The new noticeboards have arrived for Brandon Parva, Coston and Runhall. Bev hopes to arrange for their installation shortly with help from volunteers. In future, if you have a notice that you would like displayed, please drop them off at Bev Long's. The new Welborne noticeboard, outside the village hall, allows you to add notices direct.

Reading support for those with long term health conditions

Reading Well Books on Prescription helps people to understand and manage their health and wellbeing using helpful reading available from public libraries. Building on the success of existing schemes, a book list has been developed for people with long term health conditions and their relatives and carers. The titles provide information and advice to support living well with a long term condition.

The books cover common symptoms associated with living with a long term condition including pain, fatigue, sleeping problems, and mental health and wellbeing. It will also include condition-specific titles covering conditions such as arthritis and diabetes. All of the titles on the list can be reserved free of charge from any Norfolk library and online from the library website. The books are available to borrow for up to six weeks.

Further information at www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/library-services/health-and-wellbeing

Fun family maths activities

Count On Norfolk is the Library Service's campaign to help families with children aged 0-11 build a really positive attitude towards maths in everyday life.

Take all the family along to one of the free drop-in sessions at libraries across Norfolk this summer and find out how to get your children excited about maths using weights, measurements and money. These drop-in sessions are aimed at improving number confidence and skills for families with children aged 0-11. Activities take about 45 minutes, so pop in when you can between these times at local libraries:

Thursday 3 August

- Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library 10:30am-12:30pm
- Taverham Library 2-4pm

Friday 4 August

- Attleborough Library 10:30am-12:30pm
- Dereham Library 2-4pm

Tuesday 22 August

- Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library 10:30am-12:30pm
- Hellesdon Library 2-4pm

Phone box in Runhall

The Parish Council bought the redundant phone box in Runhall from BT several years ago. Pete Long has kindly done some maintenance work on it but, so far, it has been a project in search of a purpose.

Jane Brown has proposed applying to South Norfolk Council for a grant towards its upkeep and finding a suitable purpose for it. The Council will be delighted to support Jane and her colleagues in doing this.

Mobile phone reception

We asked in our last newsletter to let Bev know if you have found that mobile phone reception has got worse. Thank you to a number of people from across the parish who reported problems. Bev will write on behalf of the Parish Council, to Karen O'Kane, the Better Broadband for Norfolk project officer at the County Council. We want to find out what improvements are planned for the parish.

Community-based groups

Restarting from Thursday 21 September, you are invited to Welborne Village Hall on the third Thursday of every month between 2.00pm and 3.30pm for a cup of tea/coffee and the chance to meet up with friends for a chat by the fire in the village hall. Optional book/puzzle exchange and, players permitting, a game of chess or two.

'Meet and Make' in Welborne Village Hall is from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting on 3 August is a workshop on quick and easy butter making and soft cheese making. If you need transport, please contact Jane on 01362 858598.

Footpaths

Jane Brown, our footpath warden in Runhall, is making good progress. The Council thanks landowners for their co-operation in clearing footpaths in Runhall. And thank you Jane.

We are still looking for volunteers to take on the role of footpath wardens in Brandon Parva, Coston and Welborne, either as individuals or with a friend, partner or another dog walker. If you would be interested in taking on the role in your village, please contact Bev Long.

Parish Council 2017 meeting dates

Remaining Parish Council meetings in 2017 will be on 20 September and 29 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

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| Parish Clerk | Bev Long | 01362 850162 but best contact is clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info |
| Chairman | Mike Webb | 01362 850327 |
| Vice Chairman | Simon Guest | 07543 645351 |
| Councillor | Carolyn Bailey | 01603 757644 |
| Councillor | Trevor Curson | 01362 858184 |
| Councillor | Andrew Egerton Smith | 01362 850979 |
| Councillor | Clare Kay | 01603 757860 |
| Councillor | Peter Wood | 01362 850405 |
| Fuel scheme co-ordinator | Jill Craig | 01362 850113 |
| Brandon Parva Litter Warden | Coralie Meadows | coralie.m@hotmail.co.uk |
| 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 |
| County Councillor | Margaret Dewsbury | 01603 759693 |
| District Councillor | Michael Edney | 01953 851342 |

Parish Council website bpcrwparishcouncil.info