Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

Parish Council Newsletter January 2024

Parish Council Meetings 2024

The dates of the 2024 Parish Council meetings are as follows: March 6th, April 17th (Annual Parish Meeting), May 29th (Annual General Meeting), 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) who will give a talk covering various aspects of the policing of rural crime in Norfolk - more details to follow.

Clean Up and Bloom

The parish council has received a Clean Up & Bloom grant of £300 from South Norfolk Council to improve public areas in the parish. 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.

Ready to Change

Norfolk County Council is promoting its 'Ready to Change' health behaviour project to support local residents who would like to change their lifestyle and give up smoking, drink less or reduce their weight. Support on how to achieve these aims is offered on the website <u>www.readytochange.co.uk</u>

Parish Council Precept 2024

The annual Parish Council precept was discussed at the January Parish Council meeting. Having reviewed the financial position it was decided that we would need to have a small increase (less than 1%) in the precept this year.

Two grant applications were received this year – both were to cover insurance costs at two community owned sites – the allotments and the play area. The council approved a small contribution to both requests.

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News from Welborne Village Hall

The Annual Christmas Fair on 9 December was a great success. Much mulled wine, coffee and mince pies were consumed! Visitors enjoyed catching up and testing their luck in the raffle and Guess the Weight of the Cake. The fresh wreaths were particularly popular as was the produce stall selling local honey, preserves and home-made cakes.

Following the success of the chilli and quiz night on 10 November, another quiz and supper evening is planned. Keep an eye on the website (www.welborne.co.uk) and the village Facebook page for further details of this popular event

News from All Saints Brandon Parva Church

Thank you to so many in the local community for coming together for our joyful candle and lamp lit Carol Service and Christmas Day service. It's heartening to see the church full of young and old alike, despite the lack of heat and light. Please come and experience a community gathering as our forebears did, pre-electricity! We hold a church service once a month. See Group News for dates and times.

Food Bank initiative. Brandon Parva Church community is joining forces with Barnham Broom to help the wider local village communities in offering assistance to those in need. Please let us know if you would like to take part in this initiative. Contact details in Group News.

Highways – Reporting Issues

There a number of issues with our roads that have been exacerbated with the recent wet weather – flooding, blocked drains and ditches, pot holes etc. In order to ensure that Highways are fully aware of issues within the parish and of their importance to the community it is vital that all Highways issues are reported promptly via the Norfolk County Council online system at <u>www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem</u> to ensure they get into the councils prioritisation system.

Please report any you see to help maintain the roads in our parish.

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.

Parish Clerk

Bev Long

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