

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

All residents are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in Welborne Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 April 2017.

Our guest speaker is Dean Sully, who is leading the 'Fawltly Tower' project at All Saints Church in Welborne. Dean is lecturer in conservation at UCL where his main areas of research have been about the process of conservation from the excavation of artefacts, through to their display and storage in museums. Dean will be talking about his hopes for the Fawltly Tower project and the potential for extending the approach elsewhere.

As usual, there will be reports from the Parish Council and other village organisations, with plenty of time for questions from residents and refreshments.

Anglian Water sewage scheme in Welborne

We have been told by Anglian Water that the proposed days for road closures will be:

- Church Lane will be closed from 3 April 2017 to 25 April 2017
- Church Road and Welborne Road will be closed from 26 April to 31 August 2017

Plans showing the proposed closures and the signage have been posted on the Welborne village website (welborne.org.uk) and also on the Parish Council website (bpcrwparishcouncil.info).

It is just possible that there may be changes to the closures and suggested alternative routes. If there are, details will be posted on both websites.

Noticeboards

£1000 funding has been confirmed by South Norfolk Council to pay for replacement noticeboards in Runhall, Coston and Brandon Parva. Councillors have agreed to buy 3 post-mounted green aluminium boards at a cost of £1264. If required, the Parish Council will cover the additional £264.

The notice boards will be closed. If anyone wants anything placed on them, please drop them through Bev's letter box with a note as to which boards to put them on.

So, with help from Welborne Village Hall Trustees and South Norfolk Council, we have very quickly been able to acquire new, fit for purpose, noticeboards in all of our four villages!

Parish Council Website

A reminder that our new website allows us to include photos. Several people have already sent images of our villages which have been added to the website. If you also have suitable images, please email them to Bev.

The Council has agreed a change to the layout of our website to include a 'news/info' tab under which events happening in the parish, for example, can be posted. Please let Bev know if you would like something posted on the website.

Community-based groups

Two new groups have recently been set up:

Firstly, you are invited to join Sally at 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. Free to attend – just give a small donation to cover afternoon tea and coffee.

Secondly, Jane Brown has set up a new monthly group called 'Meet and Make'. Meetings in Welborne Village Hall will be from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on the first Thursday of each month. You are invited to 'get creative' or just enjoy a drink and a chat. If you need transport, please contact Jane on 01362 858598.

Jane has funded her group by successfully applying for a 'Go for it' grant from South Norfolk Council. The South Norfolk Council website explains how grants of up to £300 may be available to others.

South Norfolk Council 'Governance Review'

South Norfolk Council has a duty to review ward and parish boundaries every 10 years. As part of the review, the Parish Council has been asked to consider PCs need to consider the following issues:

- How to achieve better democracy?
- How to make more effective and convenient?
- How to better reflect their community identities and interests?
- Are there any anomalous boundaries that do not reflect recent developments etc.?
- Views need to be supported by evidence
- Parish Councils need to think about their resources and their capacity to cope with changes

Michael Edney, our District Councillor, will be leading a discussion on this at our next meeting on 17 May 2017.

Grants by the Parish Council

The Council has been successful with a funding application and has agreed to support grant applications from Runhall Play area (£197.09) and Runhall allotments (£123.19). Runhall PCC and Welborne Village Hall will be informed that unfortunately their applications have been unsuccessful this year.

Footpaths

We are still looking for volunteers to take on the role of footpath wardens in Coston, Runhall 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.

Cheaper domestic fuel oil

We continue to urge householders to join our domestic oil bulk-buying scheme. This continues to save our members up to 6 pence per litre, or around £120 a year. By registering, you are under no obligation to buy through the scheme.

To register, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jill Craig on 01362 850113 or jill.oldwillowcottage@gmail.com.

For those buying oil through the scheme, please let Jill know the price you paid.

Tree warden(s)

A reminder that we still have a vacancy for a Tree Warden. Please contact Bev if you are interested. For further information on the role see www.southnorfolktreewardens.org

Chairman of the Parish Council

Mike Webb has decided to 'retire' as chairman of the council after over 7 years in the role. Mike said: "I feel I've done my bit. Now it's someone else's turn". Another Councillor will be elected as chairman at The Council's next meeting on 17 May 2017.

Parish Council 2017 meeting dates

Remaining Parish Council meetings in 2017 will be on 17 May, 19 July, 20 September and 29 November. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 19 April.

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 clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info
Chairman	Mike Webb	01362 850327
Vice Chairman	Trevor Curson	01362 858184
Councillor	Carolyn Bailey	01603 757644
Councillor	Andrew Egerton Smith	01362 850979
Councillor	Simon Guest	07543 645351
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

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