

# Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

## Parish Council Newsletter January 2020

### Parish Council Meetings 2020

The dates of the remaining 2020 Parish Council meetings are as follows:

March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting), 20<sup>th</sup> May (Annual General Meeting), 15<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

All meetings are held in Welborne Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

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#### Thanks

Our thanks go to Hannah Wimhurst, who as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award work has been clearing litter in the Coston area. She collected 18.7kg of litter over a three month period.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the main presentation being given by Terry & Mary Miller of Runhall, who will be giving a talk on the history of the parish, building on their presentation on the history of Runhall which some of you will have seen last year. Please note this date in your diary.

#### Dog Fouling

A significant amount of dog fouling has been noticed around Pound Lane, Burnthouse Lane and Hill Lane in Welborne recently. All areas of South Norfolk are a no poo zone and all dog owners are reminded of the need to ensure that they clean up after their dogs. The health risks to humans are well documented and it has a detrimental impact on the perception of the parish.

#### County Council Budget Proposals

Following a consultation exercise Norfolk County Council have proposed a council tax rise of 3.99% - 1.99% for general council tax and 2% under the Governments adult social care precept. The council will take a final decision on this on 17 February. Full details can be found on Norfolk County Council website.

### Parish Council Precept 2020

The annual Parish Council precept was discussed at the January Parish Council meeting. Currently the council is in a solid financial position with income broadly matching required expenditure, a small amount of reserves held and no major additional expenditure foreseen or planned. As such it was agreed that the Parish Council precept that each household pays should be held at the same level as last year. Should a significant amount of money be required for a specific purchase, it was agreed that separate fund raising would be undertaken.

### Planning

Planning is a major area of interest within the parish and is a topic discussed at every Parish Council meeting. All planning applications in our parish are reviewed by the council who then submit their comments on the application to South Norfolk District Council as part of the overall approval process. The council appreciate it when people who are making the applications attend the council meetings so that they can contribute to the discussion.

South Norfolk District Council take the final decisions on planning. It is important that any decisions they make are complied with and South Norfolk District Council rely on the general public to report to them any issues or concerns. The Parish Council will check that planning decisions are being followed within the parish and request that if people have concerns that planning decisions are not being followed they report them to either the Parish Council or South Norfolk District Council.

### Potential Community Event

The Parish Council would like to gauge interest in holding a community parish event, aimed at helping to maintain and improve the parish environment – this potentially could be litter picking or ditch clearing or whatever people identify as a practical thing that needs and could be done by volunteers.

Please could you let the parish clerk know if you would be interested to help and give your suggestions as to what could be done.

This topic will be discussed in detail at the March Parish Council meeting.



### 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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