

# BRANDON PARVA, COSTON, RUNHALL & WELBORNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday 16 April 2025, 7:30pm at Welborne Village Hall.

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Present.

Parish Councillors – Simon Guest (chair), Peter Wood, Mike Webb and John Baldock along with the clerk, Bev Long. Also present was, County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Richard Elliott and PC Martin Fisher, PC 499 Barnard along with our speaker Joseph Kenny and ten members of the public.

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence.

Simon Guest as Chair of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. Simon briefly explained the reason for a parish meeting along with the format of the evening.

Apologies were received from Mattishall Primary School, Brian & Margot Hancock – litter wardens, Mattishall Surgery, Jack Long – Coston Footpath warden, Rev Sally Thurgill – Welborne Church, Sue Guest – litter warden and Cllr Clare Kay.

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 17 April 2024

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were signed by the chair as a correct record of the meeting without amendment.

3. Presentation by Joseph Kenny – Senior recycling & partnership manager at South Norfolk & Broadland District Council.

Joseph Kenny introduced himself and briefly explained his background - in current post for 13 months and previously 7 years with other councils. Covering South Norfolk – 146,655 residents in 66,560 households.

Some of the information Joseph Kenny shared with us.

- ❖ South Norfolk collects and disposed of by Norfolk County Council
- ❖ Covers numerous services – rubbish, recycling, garden waste, bulky waste, recycling banks, commercial waste services.
- ❖ Recycling rates for 23/24 – 43.2%. 11 tonne dry recycling, 12,500 tonne garden waste, 500 tonne glass and 50 tonne textiles/shoes
- ❖ Reminder of what we can recycle at home making sure it is clean, dry, loose, food & drink free.
- ❖ Dry recycling is done at Costessey – hand sorted then sorted via a machine with 60-90% staying in the UK.

- ❖ Common contamination items are nappies and single use coffee cups, plastic bags, plastic films, textiles, food soiled packaging, vapes and batteries.
- ❖ For the future – extend banks in parishes, look to limit side waste, bookable collection service for small electricals, textiles, food waste collection.

Questions raised.

- What to do with old clothes – textiles banks – must be clean but does not matter if holey or old
- What will happen when councils disbanded – currently in talks about this
- What will happen to food waste – will go to an anaerobic digester plant outside county

Joseph Kenny was thanked for his report.

#### 4. Report by the Parish Council

Simon Guest as Chair of the Parish Council outlined some aspects of his report.

- ❖ Planning – we continue to review all planning applications in our parish.
- ❖ Highways – we work very closely with County Council Highways department to resolve problems.
- ❖ PROW's – all the PROW's are reviewed on a regular basis by our wardens.
- ❖ Litter – all four villages currently have a volunteer litter warden.
- ❖ Budgets – we run a balanced budget; precept was raised by approximately 5% to enable us to do this.
- ❖ Police updates – we get a regular update from the police.
- ❖ Communication – the newsletter has been distributed following most council meetings – thank you to the team of volunteers who distribute them.

Simon thanked Bev Long the clerk for her support and work for the council, fellow councillors, Margaret Dewsbury and Richard Elliott for their great support and attendance at our parish council meetings and all the Parish Groups for their hard work.

The full report is an appendix to these minutes.

#### 5. Reports from parish organisations, county and district councillors, other bodies

**Police** – Wymondham Locality – parish is a low crime area but some incidents do happen. Welcome information from parishioners.

**Runhall Community Group** – full report is an appendix to these minutes. Big renovations planned for the play area. Runfest is being organised for 21<sup>st</sup> June and a litter pick on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Lots of visitors to the area from both within and outside of the parish

**Welborne Village Hall** – Kevin Rumsey, Chair summarised his report which can be found as an appendix to these minutes. 2024 big year – installed play equipment, beer festival, hosted quiz nights, coffee morning etc. Lettings – improvement and big increase. Bookings can be made via their website.

**District Cllr Richard Elliott** summarised his report – South Norfolk delivers 86 diverse services costing £65 million. £43 million via income the remainder from grants.

**Margaret Dewsbury** – County Cllr gave her summary including information about devolution, fire fighters, nation grid, highways and CO2 emissions.

Simon thanked everyone for their reports – all these and other reports received form part of the appendix to these minutes.

## 6. Open Forum

No further discussion or questions raised.

## 7. Closing remarks

Simon Guest thanked everyone for attending and to those who had given reports both at the meeting and those submitted electronically. An open invitation was offered to everyone to attend any future Parish Council meetings.

Written reports from the following bodies form part of these minutes:

- Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council Chair
- Welborne Church (All Saints)
- Runhall Footpath Warden
- Mattishall Primary School
- Mattishall Surgery
- Norfolk County Council
- Runhall Community Group
- Runhall Recreation Ground
- Welborne Village Hall
- Coston Footpath warden