

# Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

## Chairman's Report April 2018

This really is my final Chairman's report. I had intended to stand down as chairman last year but the worsening illness of Trevor Curson meant that he could not take over as he had hoped. It was with great sadness that the Council heard of Trevor's death on 1 November. His death has had a big impact on me, personally, and on the Parish Council.

Trevor had been a Parish Councillor from 1983-1991 and also from 2003-2017; a total of 22 years. Trevor was a regular attender at meetings and always brought humour and common sense to the discussions. He will be missed by the Parish Council and all who knew him.

## What the Parish Council did in 2017

- The Council reviewed progress with all the recommendations in the Parish Plan.
- We convened our Annual Parish Meeting at which Linda Groom and Richard. Took talked about the 'Fawlty Tower' project at Welborne All Saints Church
- Responded to SNC's Governance Review. We said that we did not support any changes to our Parish Council areas or functions.
- Awarded grants to Runhall Play Area and Runhall Allotments.
- Took Bob West, our Highways Engineer, on a tour of the parish, following which he agreed to carry out a variety of work, including replacing or repairing the village name signs, kerbing some of the grass triangle in front of Welborne Village Hall.
- Successfully applied for a grant from South Norfolk Council for new noticeboards in Brandon Parva, Coston and Runhall. Thank you Bev and others for installing the noticeboards.
- Reviewed progress with the actions in our 2015 Parish Plan.
- We continued to produce a newsletter after each meeting of the council. The newsletters are the Council's main way of keeping residents informed, not only about what the council is doing, but also passing on public service information.
- Chased Anglian Water, only partially successfully so far, to carry out satisfactory reinstatement works after their work on building a new sewer for parts of Welborne.
- We had a busy year considering and responding to many planning applications.
- Obtained information and publicised information about broadband improvements.

## Thanks

I want to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for volunteering their services. I hope that the other residents in the Parish appreciate the commitment of the time, effort and thought that the councillors put into the work of the Parish Council.

We are very fortunate in our small parish that many other people get involved in helping us in some way and I would like to thank all of the following:

- Jane Brown, our only footpath warden so far (now redesignated as Countryside Ranger).
- Our litter wardens: Brian and Margot Hancock (Welborne), Coralie Meadows (Brandon Parva) and Mark Gill and family (Coston and Runhall).
- The volunteers who distribute our newsletter to all households in the parish: Carolyn Bailey (Coston), Helen Lloyd (Brandon Parva), Clare Kay and Jane Brown (Runhall).
- Jill Craig for her continuing work as coordinator of our parish fuel oil bulk buying scheme.
- Our County and District Councillors, both of whom are now in very influential positions on their respective councils and who continue to be very helpful to us.

As always, I want to thank Bev Long, our Parish Clerk, without whom the council would not achieve anything! In particular, I want to thank Bev for her help and support to me during my time as Chairman.

Mike Webb  
Chairman

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