

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne

Parish Council Newsletter January 2023

## Parish Council Meetings 2023

The dates of the 2023 Parish Council meetings are as follows:

January 11<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting), May 17<sup>th</sup> (Annual General Meeting), July 12<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All meetings will be held in Welborne Village hall starting at 7.30 pm.

**[bpcrwparishcouncil.info](http://bpcrwparishcouncil.info)**

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> April and will cover updates on activities within the parish.

We are also looking to arrange a presentation on a topic of interest to the community – more details to follow.

### Council Elections 2023

There are Parish Council and District Council elections due in May 2023.

If there are more candidates than roles available for the Parish Council a formal election will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### Taking care of rural roads

Farming activities can have a significant effect on our rural roads and Norfolk County Council is keen to work with the farming community to help ensure our roads are safe for all users. The web pages at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/farmingandthehighway](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/farmingandthehighway) outline how we can all work together to help improve road safety and the roadside environment.

Excess mud on the road should be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

## Parish Council Precept 2023

The annual Parish Council precept was discussed at the January Parish Council meeting. Having reviewed the financial position it was reluctantly decided that we would need to increase the precept this year to deal with inflationary increases. It was agreed that the Parish Council precept that each household pays should increase by 5%.

It was also decided that the council was unable to fund any discretionary grants this year.

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### Welborne News

The annual Welborne Christmas Fayre took place on 10 December. This was an enjoyable festive event, raising nearly £500 which will be used to stage future events and maintain the hall and grounds. Thanks go to those who worked to put on the Fayre and to everyone who came along and joined in. Watch out for notification of 'Last Friday Film Nights' planned for January, February and March.

Date for your diary - the Annual General Meeting of the Welborne Village Hall Trustees Committee will take place on Monday 3 April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for Welborne residents and others to receive and comment on financial and other reports from the Trustees on the previous year's work and events.

### Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Reminder

There has been an outbreak of Avian influenza in our area and all residents should have received a letter from DEFRA about it. This is just a reminder of some key points.

It is a legal requirement for ALL bird keepers across the UK whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock to keep their birds indoors and follow strict biosecurity measures to limit the spread of and eradicate the disease.

Currently you must either house your birds or keep them in a fully netted outdoor area, which is capable of preventing ingress of wild birds and inspected regularly to ensure it is not contaminated with the faecal material or feathers from them. Feed and bedding must be kept indoors. Clothing and everything else that your birds come into contact with must be clean and free from any possible of contamination with the avian influenza virus.

More information on avian influenza is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

### 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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