

# Welcome to the Parish of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne.



Runhall



Brandon Parva Church



Welborne  
Village Hall



Play area Runhall



St. Michael's Coston

April 2024

# BRANDON PARVA, COSTON, RUNHALL & WELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Introduction**

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council is a democratically elected local authority. The council is the first tier of local government and is the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a community issue. The council is made up of locally elected councillors who are legally obliged to hold at least one meeting a year. The council meet every two months to discuss council business and hear from local residents.

## **What the Council does**

The council represents and serves the whole community. It establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. It is responsible for spending public money lawfully and achieving the best value for money. The council is responsible for any services it provides.

Except in certain circumstances, council meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may speak if invited to do so by the Chairman of the Council.

District and County councillors have a standing invitation to attend parish council meetings so they can report back on developments at parish level. They are invited to report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Any committees of the council, dealing with specific subjects, must also hold open sessions, and can invite members of the public to speak.

## **What we have done recently and what we are planning to do**

Early in 2015 the council published a Parish Plan. You can see this on the Parish Council website. The plan was developed after consulting all residents of the parish. This important document has been used to steer the council's business over the last few years.

The council holds meetings every two months. Dates of the meetings are included in the Parish Council newsletter and on the council website. In addition, the council may have to hold additional meetings when, for example, a planning application has to be reviewed by a deadline before the next planned meeting.

We host an Annual Parish Meeting in April each year. This is not a meeting of the Parish Council, but a meeting to which the Parish Council is legally required to invite all residents. Residents are invited to come and hear a guest speaker as well as what the Parish Council and other local organisations have been doing to try to improve life for residents.

## **How to find out more**

You will receive a regular copy of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council News after each council meeting. This is delivered free of charge by volunteers to every home in the parish.

**The Council's website [www.bpcrwparishcouncil.info](http://www.bpcrwparishcouncil.info) has lots of news and information including agendas, minutes and meeting dates.**

## Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council contacts

|                         |              |                               |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Bev Long, Parish Clerk  | 01362 850162 | clerk@bpcrwparishcouncil.info |
| Simon Guest, Chair      | 07543 645351 | simonguest1959@btinternet.com |
| Clare Kay               | 01603 757860 | clare@thekays.biz             |
| Mike Webb,              | 01362 850327 | welbornemike@btinternet.com   |
| Andrew Gill, vice Chair | 01603 757899 | atgill757@gmail.com           |
| John Baldock            | 07775 797779 | John@thebaldocks.com          |
| Peter Wood              | 01362 850405 | peterwelborne@btinternet.com  |
| Vacancy                 |              |                               |

## District & County Councillors

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|-------------------------------|--------------|---|
| District Cllr Richard Elliott | 0773 3002897 | Richard.elliott@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk |
| County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury | 01603 759693 | Margaret.dewsbury.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk           |

## Litter wardens

|                        |              |                  |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Mark Gill & Family     | 01603 759555 | Coston & Runhall |
| Susan Guest            | 07867 840149 | Brandon Parva    |
| Brian & Margot Hancock | 01362 858104 | Welborne         |

## Footpath Wardens

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|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Jack Long: Coston              | 01362 850162 | Contact via the clerk         |
| Andrew Egerton-Smith: Welborne | 01362 850979 | oldhallfarm@waitrose.com      |
| Simon Guest: Brandon Parva     | 07543 645351 | simonguest1959@btinternet.com |
| Liz Gill: Runhall              |              | gillsatrunhall@gmail.com      |

## Runhall Church

Runhall is a rural parish with the church situated at the east of the village. It is linked with Coston church which is redundant. Runhall church, originating in Saxon times has a round tower, and is a church in the Barnham Broom Group.

We are part of The Barnham Broom and Upper Yare group where a ministry team provides services once a month (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month). We also have services at significant times of the year i.e. Easter, Remembrance, Harvest & Christmas.

Group News, the parish church magazine, is distributed throughout the parish by a group of volunteers and every household should receive this monthly. This gives information about events in the local area, church service times and a number of advertisements.

Should you wish to place an item of news or details of an event in this magazine please contact the magazine's Editor on [editor@group15.org.uk](mailto:editor@group15.org.uk)



### **St Michael and All Angels Church, Coston (redundant)**

Coston is a secluded, atmospheric Early English church that has survived almost unaltered from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, apart from the pleasing brick south porch added in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The exceptionally fine detailing of the 13<sup>th</sup> century work is evident in the beautifully carved stone knots on the chancel arch.



### **All Saints Church, Brandon Parva**

All Saints Church is a rural church in a small Norfolk Village. Worship takes place once a month on average but on the first Sunday of each month all the village communities join together for worship in one church building together.

For more information please contact Rev'd Tim Weatherstone – 01362 858021





## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH WELBORNE**

The Church has been part of Welborne village life since the 11th Century and is a lovely building with a highly decorated screen and reredos. There is a wonderful Church family with a service being held every Sunday at 9am apart from the fourth Sunday of each month when there is a family praise at 10.30 am. Coffee and biscuits (sometimes cakes) are served afterwards with the opportunity to chat.

**New people are always warmly welcomed.**

To give a flavour of Church activities, during the village Arts Festival of 2015 there was a flower festival and the Church was the venue for concerts and readings. Our main concern at the moment is raising money for our crumbling tower but the usual activities such as The Harvest Festival, the Christingle Service and Christmas services are great occasions which are well attended.

See the latest information on the Faulty Tower on the Welborne website  
<http://welborne.org.uk/welborne-all-saints-church/the-fawltly-tower-project/>

The Church is open every day, 10-4pm from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 30<sup>th</sup> September

There is a culture of volunteering covering flower arranging, grass mowing, cleaning, and general minor maintenance. These duties are undertaken by both members of the congregation and by Villagers thus building bridges within the community.

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| Vicar         | Rev Mark McCaghrey | 01362 886620 | mark.mccaghrey@matvchurch.uk |
| Church office |                    | 01362 859120 | contact@matvchurch.uk        |





## **RUNHALL RECREATION GROUND**

Runhall Recreation Ground is also known as Runhall Allotments. The area of land was given to the parish in 1853 by William Butcher in an Inclosure Award. It was set up as a charity and registered with the Charity Commission as Charity Number 244791.

It has been administered by various bodies in the past so in 1991 a Scheme was set up to regulate the Charity and it is now administered by 4 Trustees – Bev Long, Liz Holmes, Caroline Blacklock and Debbie Chester.

The objects of the charity are;

- The provision and maintenance of garden allotments, playing fields or recreation grounds for the benefits of the inhabitants of the Parish of Runhall
- For the relief in need of the inhabitants of the said Parish

The area of land containing approximately 3 acres is situated along East Green in Runhall. It is divided into plots, of which there are 9 allocated for allotments and 2 for Runhall Play Area.

The plots are rented on an annual basis, currently £20 per plot per annum and can be used for the cultivation of vegetables, flowers or soft fruit crops. Some livestock – chickens, ducks etc can be kept if written permission is granted by the Trustees.

Runhall Play Area is managed by a sub committee.

The Recreation Ground (allotments) point of contact is Bev Long.

Email; [brownowlbev@gmail.com](mailto:brownowlbev@gmail.com) Tel; 01362 850162

A waiting list is currently in operation for the allotment plots.



## **Runhall Play Area**



Runhall Play Area is a wonderful park nestling in the small village of Runhall. The play area provides a safe area where children can use the wide variety of equipment. There is multi play apparatus, swings for all ages, a football goal, two tunnels and even a Petanque Court, with ample space for children to run around. We have picnic tables for young and old to enjoy the peace and quiet and walkers and cyclists often use the picnic area to stop for refreshments. The play area is enjoyed by both the residents of Runhall and villages in the surrounding area.

Runhall Play Area is run and maintained by Runhall Community Group on behalf of the Trustees of Runhall Recreation Ground. Their money comes from fundraising. For further information please contact Rachel 07916 127249

## **WELBORNE VILLAGE HALL**

Welborne Village Hall is located adjacent to All Saints Church Welborne at the heart of the Welborne community. It is a Grade II listed Victorian village school which has been sympathetically restored and improved to give a community facility suited to a wide range of social uses, from film shows using digital projection, to exercise or mediation classes, to family parties (for up to around 50 people).

Information about the Hall and how it can be hired for personal and community activities can be found on the Welborne website @ [www.welborne.org.uk](http://www.welborne.org.uk). The website includes a regularly updated calendar of events at the Hall that also shows clearly the availability of the Hall for hiring.

The Hall is run and maintained by a dedicated charity (Welborne Village Hall Trust) which relies on the time, dedication and support of volunteers. New people wishing to be involved in the work of the Charity are always welcome. The Trust can be contacted via the website.





## THE EXCHANGE

Runhall's telephone box has been converted into a village EXCHANGE and information centre (situated down The Green). The idea is that small items can be donated and /or taken away. No money changes hands. There is a notice board made from an old cork pin board for those wanting to advertise goods and services. Outside there is a table made from eco bottles and recycled wood for plants and surplus garden produce.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### **Local Doctor surgeries;**

Mattishall – 01362 850227

Hingham - 01953 850237

Wymondham Medical centre – 01953 602220

Wymondham Windmill surgery – 01953 607607

### **Local Schools;**

Barnham Broom CofE VA Primary School – 01603 759656

Mattishall Primary School – 01362 858451

Wymondham High Academy – 01953 602078

Dereham Neatherd High School – 01362 697981

Dereham Northgate High School – 01362 697033

### **District Councils;**

Breckland – 01362 656870 – surrounding area

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne district - South Norfolk – 01508 533701 /

Freephone 0800 389 6109

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**Norfolk County Council – 0344 8008020**



**Local Shops**

Barnham Broom Post Office and Stores – 01603 759479

Mattishall News – 01362 858398

Mattishall Post Office – 01362 850232

Mattishall Pharmacy – 01362 858540

**Library**

**Mobile** - Visits parish 4 weekly on a Wednesday. Route number CEN344 for dates and route contact Norfolk County Mobile Library services on 01603 222303

Hingham – 01953 850621

Wymondham – 01953 603319

Recycling and rubbish collection is on Tuesdays.

Nearest buses – Barnham Broom, Hingham, Mattishall, Wymondham, Dereham.

Nearest petrol available in Dereham, Wymondham, Norwich - Longwater