

Merry Christmas

After the challenging year we have all had, we hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable time over the festive period.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for supporting each other through the various lockdowns and restrictions that have been in place during 2020.

All the best for 2021 – Simon Guest, Andrew Egerton-Smith, Clare Kay, Clare Miller, Mike Webb, Peter Wood and Bev Long.

Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council which will be filled by co-option (the council invites someone to join without the need for a public election). As a councillor you can put forward your own ideas, help to meet the needs and views of parishioners, get involved in decision making and help keep our parish a good place to live.

If anyone is interested in joining the council, please contact the parish clerk, Bev Long, who will then send you more information, including an application form. Applications must be received by 20 December 2020.

County Council Budget Consultation

Norfolk County Council are currently running a consultation exercise on their 2021/22 budget proposals. You can contribute via the Norfolk County Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk with the consultation closing on 14th December.

The County Council are seeking to make significant savings and have put forward a large number of proposals on which they are seeking views. One item of particular concern to the parish council is the proposal to reduce rural grass cutting from twice a year to once a year, which we believe would make our roads significantly more dangerous. It is important as many people as possible feedback their views to NCC.

Parish Council Meetings 2021

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

January 13th, March 10th, April 14th or April 21st (Annual Parish Meeting), May 19th (Annual General Meeting), July 14th, September 15th, November 17th.

Venue of meetings to be decided dependant on government guidelines and all meetings start at 7.30 pm.

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Public Right of Ways (PROW)

As highlighted in the last newsletter the council are seeking to be more pro-active in ensuring the Public Rights of Way (PROW) in our parish are maintained in a good condition.

Norfolk County Council provide details on PROW's, including an interactive map, on their website (located at www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way). The map shows all the PROW's in our parish and the parish council have used this as a start point for compiling details on them.

As a next step the parish council are keen to get the views of residents on PROW's and in order to help with this we have attached a survey to this newsletter. If you want to contribute please complete and return the survey by 20 December 2020 – see attached survey for details.

In addition to the survey the Parish Council will also be contacting the landowners over whose land the PROW's run to get their views.

Whilst Norfolk County Council (NCC) are responsible for managing PROW's, they need to be kept informed of any issues that arise (via the NCC website) and work with the impacted landowners, who also have responsibilities for PROW's on their land. The Parish Council wants to work with all parties to keep our PROW's in good condition given the value they provide, particularly in the current circumstances.

Parish Council Grants

Every year the Parish Council may be able to make small grants for projects within the Parish. If you want to apply for a grant in 2021, please use the application form on the website and submit your application to the Parish Clerk by 31 December.



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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