

Chairman's Report April 2022

As with 2020-2021 the last year has been dominated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. However during the year the situation has improved significantly such that all legal restrictions have now been removed and life is returning to a degree of normality, albeit everyone is still urged to practice safe and responsible behaviours. Our parish has been impacted by the pandemic, just like most other places, and it has seen acts of support and good neighbour behaviour that has helped people through it. Thank you to everyone for working together to help get through the pandemic so far.

We have continued business as usual as a Parish Council, initially with meetings over Zoom but back to in person meetings since July and the main highlights of the year are as follows:

Highways

We continue to work with the County Council Highways department to resolve problems within the parish and to ensure we get our fair share of general maintenance. This year we have seen:

- issues dealt with in terms of signage and ditches
- ongoing work on potholes of which there are many across the Parish

However the progress on resolving issues with ditches has been disappointingly slow, particularly the work around the area flooded at the end of 2020, near the junction of Hall Road, Common Road and Pound Lane.

In addition we have been part of the consultation process on the major highways developments around dualling the A47 and completing the Northern Distributor Road.

Planning

We continue to review all planning applications in our parish that are relevant. During 2021 we had 5 formal applications all of which were approved by South Norfolk.

The Parish Council was supportive or neutral on all the applications.

Flooding

Our Parish, like many areas of Norfolk, was hit by major flooding over the winter of 2020. The Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance has been set up bringing together over 30 different agencies that are involved with water and they are progressing a programme of activity working through a priority sequence, which has not yet reached our parish.

PROW's

All the PROW's are reviewed on a regular basis by our three PROW wardens and any issues raised with Norfolk County Council who have responsibility for them. The PROW's have remained generally in good condition throughout the year, with only occasional issues caused by heavy rainfall. However there are still issues caused by dog fouling and general litter that adversely impact them.

Litter

Three of our four villages currently have volunteer Litter Wardens in place (there is a vacancy in Brandon Parva). They work throughout the year removing litter from the local area and thus improving the environment. Whilst the council is very grateful for the job they do, it is important that everyone in the parish takes care of the parish to ensure it remains a pleasant living space.

Parish Amenities

The main facilities in the Parish are Welborne Village Hall, Runhall allotments, Runhall Play Area and the Exchange (in the Old Phone Box in Runhall). These continue to be well used and the details are covered in their own separate reports.

Budgets

The council has run a balanced budget over the past year and as such has been able to keep the Parish Council precept at the same level as last year. This will be the second year in a row that we have been able to keep the precept at the same level.

Police Updates

We get a regular update from the police as to what is happening within the Wymondham neighbourhood of which our parish is part. The neighbourhood has a low level of crime and disorder. The main priorities for the local police in our neighbourhood are Road Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and concerns around drug dealing and use.

We also get regular reports on rural crime across Norfolk under Operation Randall, again which is still relatively low. Up to date details of police activity can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website.

Future Activity

Looking forward to the next 12 months the council will aim to keep on top of business as usual whilst supporting parishioners in any extra activity.

There are currently two village events organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There is a Jubilee Celebration at Runhall Recreation Ground (Saturday 28th May from 3.00pm to 6.00pm) and a Tea Party at Welborne Church and Village Hall (Thursday 2nd June from 3.00pm to 6.00pm).

The Runhall Community Group are conducting research across the whole parish on the community facilities in Runhall. Details of their survey were distributed with the last parish newsletter and the more people who reply the better.

Some initial work has been undertaken by Mike Webb on the Parish Council looking at creating a new footpath from wellbore to Barnham Broom. This project is currently struggling to get the right level of support from the Barnham Broom council to make progress.

The council is participating with other local councils and some of the regions MP's, in an exercise being led by George Freeman MP (our local MP) looking at an area called "Norfolk Research Triangle" – located between Norwich, Dereham and Wymondham/Attleborough – which in future years will see further development driven by the growth of the world class Norwich Research Park. This is a long term project with the aim of ensuring that future growth and development in this area is done in a way that benefits local communities and does not adversely impact this corner of Norfolk through poor planning or increased rat-running for example.

Finally I would like to give thanks to some people. In particular I would like to thank our parish clerk, Bev Long, who has continued to provide excellent support to the council despite the additional challenges the pandemic has caused.

I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for the time they give up and the support they provide across all the issues we deal with. In addition I would like to thank our local councillors Margaret Dewsbury (Norfolk County Council) and Richard Elliot (South Norfolk District) who have continued to provide guidance and support throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all the different groups who operate within the parish and all parishioners for enabling our parish to thrive.

Simon Guest

Chair Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

PROW report 2022

All the PROW's are reviewed on a regular basis by our three PROW wardens and any issues raised with Norfolk County Council who have responsibility for them.

Generally the PROW's are in good order considering the regular use to which they are subjected and the need to carry out hedge maintenance which involves the use of heavy agricultural machinery. The occasional issues reported have usually been caused by heavy rainfall, sometimes accentuated by necessary agricultural work being undertaken at that time of year. There are still issues caused by dog fouling and general litter that adversely impact some PROW's.

It is excellent that the land owners try to keep standards as high as possible for the benefit of the general public. It is important that the general public who use the PROW's also treat them well.

**All Saints Church, Runhall with Coston. Annual Report. For the year ending 31st
December 2021**

Administrative Information

All Saints Church, Runhall is a member of the Barnham Broom and Upper Yare Group of Parishes and is part of the Diocese of Norwich

The correspondence address is Beech House, Runhall, Norwich. NR9 4DN

Membership and Officers for the Parochial Church Council 2021

Incumbant:	Reverend Timothy Weatherstone
Churchwarden:	Vacant
Treasurer	Mr Andrew Jewson
Fabric Officer:	Rev Tim Weatherstone
Secretary	Mrs Stephanie Fairman
Electoral Role Officer:	Mr Andrew Jewson
Group Council Representative	Mr Andrew Jewson
Group News	Mrs. Stephanie Fairman
Child Protection Contact:	Angela Cook
Other members:	Mrs. Sue Chroston ,Mrs Caroline Blacklock
Total number on the Electoral Roll	4

The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission Registered Charity No XR18474 (Church of England).

Structure, Governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent Revd. Tim Weatherstone and the Team Ministry in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church ,pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and performance

All those who attend church are on the Electoral Roll . We welcomed Gill and Maurice Hutchinson to Runhall and it was nice to see them in our church.

. Services

Members of the Ministry Team have led services at Runhall during the past year. The average attendance for 2020 was 8

Due to the widespread Virus sweeping the country the church was closed at the start of the year and remained so until July, our first service being on 18th July 2021. Services have continued until 18th December but due to a worsening in the spread of a new variant of the virus our Christmas carol service was cancelled. We hope for a better year in 2022

Review of the year

The PCC did not meet for the AGM due to the Virus but it was conducted online via email and telephone

**Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council
Annual Parish Report 2022**

South Norfolk District Council by Councillor Richard Elliott

2021/22 has been another unusual year, dominated once again by the ongoing Covid crisis and more recently the consequences of the illegal occupation of Ukraine, so it's only right that I start this annual report highlighting how the Council has responded.

First with the resettlement of refugee families from Ukraine, South Norfolk Council is at the forefront of ensuring the sponsoring households are fit for purpose and suitable welfare and other facilities are in place to receive mostly mothers and children forced to flee the fighting in Ukraine.

South Norfolk Council has also been fully involved in providing help throughout this pandemic to individuals, families, and businesses. During the year our help Hub has dealt with over 20,000 calls for help, our staff have made over 500 home calls to shielding residents and as part of the enhanced contact tracing to support self-isolation, 4373 individuals have been visited.

Council support for people in need has also extended to financial help with nearly 6000 claims received for benefits and council tax support and over £73000 paid through the Covid-19 hardship fund. These are just some of the ways individuals in the greatest need have been supported by your local District Council.

But it's not just about families and individuals, businesses too have been supported throughout this Covid crisis with £84 million in grants distributed to local businesses. South Norfolk was one of the first Councils nationally to distribute £1million to businesses forced to close and continued to distribute £1 million every week of lockdown.

As we begin to see the Covid restrictions eased for our staff members there has been a gradual return to working from the office, but staff still retain some hybrid working. The Council has invested in the appropriate technology and other facilities to allow this. In the last year a new website has been rolled out and much improved online services to allow residents speedy access when they need it most.

Council meetings have resumed face to face at the Council offices although much of the business between Councillors and officers can still be conducted virtually. The Council has new state of the art communications to ensure our hard-working staff can offer the best possible response to our local communities.

The Council's financial situation remains strong. South Norfolk continues to take prudent steps to manage its budget and took sensible precautions to ensure services could be delivered through the Covid crisis. In practice those income generating areas of Council services like the Leisure Centres that were shut for long periods due to health restrictions have bounced back solidly and have been less of a financial burden than we planned for. All credit must go to the very enthusiastic and committed leisure staff and managers who have

Report for annual parish meeting – April 2022

The Rector is very grateful to the many who have continued to support the church during this past year especially given the difficulties we have all experienced. Thank you also to those who have started coming for the first time over these past few months. We are very grateful to Deborah Bourassa who has taken over looking after Brandon Parva All Saints and wish Coralie every happiness in her new home in Wales.

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risen to the challenge and brought back many people to our leisure centres. The Council's development and property companies, Big Sky Living and Big Sky Property Management, also continue to give a very healthy return on the investments made. South Norfolk and Broadland share a single officer/staff team which has resulted in major efficiencies, better ways of working, also delivering significant annual savings currently over £1 million annually. Good sustained financial management and healthy reserves has enabled the Council to remain financially strong in an uncertain world, while easing the burden to residents of Council Tax, maintaining just a £5 annual increase for band D properties.

Looking to the year ahead the Council has ambitious plans to invest even more in communities, the economy and positive planning for a post carbon economy. We have recently agreed a major capital programme to ensure that infrastructure is maintained and improved. The Council recently announced a number of bold new plans to support the environment, including the potential to increase electric vehicle charging points in rural areas and to become more self-sufficient in energy production.

Despite the obvious difficulties the delivery of Council services has continued over this last year largely without interruption, save those occasions when leisure services were closed. The planning department has seen a significant increase in planning applications and as reported earlier the housing and benefits teams have significantly increased their workloads. Throughout all the disruption refuse collection has continued without pause and our in-house team have ensured that bins have been collected weekly as normal. Of course, these are some of the most obvious services delivered by your Council, but South Norfolk Council provides dozens of other services.

Community Funding and Grants - The Community Action Fund has been trebled for the coming financial year and this offers significant opportunities for rural communities such as ours to continue to benefit from this type of Council support.

The year ahead has many uncertainties not least the ongoing rises in the cost of living and the continuing conflict in Ukraine. Residents can be assured that South Norfolk Council by its careful and prudent financial management and innovative delivery of its services has the capacity to weather this storm and continue providing the very necessary and essential services to the people of these parishes and surrounding communities.

Richard Elliott
10 April 2022

There was no fundraising event this year and as a result the accounts show a loss for the seventh year running. This will only get worse unless steps are taken.

We are indebted to Jane Howard and Jonathan for playing the organ for us

Financial Review

We had another difficult year financially in part due to the virus and lack of collections but also because our income is not sufficient to meet the cost of running our church. This is on going and getting worse. Despite not paying our Share in full we made a loss of £1506.11 for the year 2021 but this did include a payment of £1008.06 for church repairs

Our bankers are: Natwest Bank, East Dereham
Independent Examiner: Adrian Rodford

Fabric Report

Not much to report. The effort to raise money for repairs is on going and we thank Tim for his efforts in this direction. Another Quinquennial was due in 2021 and we await the implications of this report. Work is due to start soon on drainage and crack repairs

On behalf of the P.C.C
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14th March 2022

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council

Re: Annual Parish Meeting - 13th April 2022

Thank you for your kind invitation to your upcoming annual parish council meeting. Unfortunately, we are unable to send a representative from our school, but please find below a brief written report:

It has been an extremely challenging couple of years for all schools as the pandemic has affected staffing levels, attendance and continuous learning. We have had to adapt our routines and how we work, at times isolating, teaching in 'bubbles' and introducing remote learning. We have had to work very differently to support families in our community, many of whom have struggled greatly during these challenging times.

September 2021, we have attempted to return to as much normality as possible, however six days into the new term we had an Ofsted inspection which threw us a little bit of a curve ball. We didn't achieve the overall outcome that we would have liked but it left us with many positive comments and achievable targets that we are currently working on.

It has been a pleasure to reintroduce extra-curricular and sporting trips and events for our children, involving the wider community. These are an extremely important part of what we do in our school and we really value 'a return to the new normal.' We have plans for a Summer Spectacular and intend to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by planting a new celebratory garden area.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

A.D.Chapman

Mr Chapman (Headteacher)

Norfolk County Council highlights for 2021/22

- 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
- 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
- 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
- 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
- Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

The 2022/23 Budget

A **£464 million** net revenue budget, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

Adult Social Services will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a **further £10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

These commitments are in keeping with my Conservative Groups 2021 Manifesto pledges to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

- Protecting valued services
- Investing in care services
- Strengthening community resilience
- Leading on economic development
- Supporting families and young people
- Caring for our environment

Protecting Valued Services

Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter can now be accepted at recycling centres

As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on 28th May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk's recycling centres.

From the 28th, anyone who picked a small amount of litter in the county was (and is still able to) bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal. People looking to organise a group litter pick are still urged to contact their district council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected.

£29m 'pothole prevention' work now well underway across Norfolk

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk this year.

The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021.

This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface will be getting underway in late July.

Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre opens today

Norfolk's newest recycling centre opened to the public in December.

The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22nd September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area.

As the new Norwich South recycling centre opens at Harford, just off the A47/A140 junction, staff bid farewell to the old site at Ketteringham that closed yesterday.

The move to a larger site allows room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards

The achievements of staff across Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service have been recognised through employee awards.

A ceremony to present the awards was cancelled due to the pandemic, so senior leaders have visited some of the recipients of the 2021 awards individually and will continue to do so when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

As well as honouring staff with long service awards, categories also included fundraiser of the year, making a difference awards and leadership accolades.

Council wins national award for its work with the armed forces

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence.

The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

This includes successfully addressing a significant gap in the dental service provision in the West of the County. It negotiated with the Ministry of Defence and NHS England, to ensure the opening of a new dental practice for serving and civilian families at RAF Marham and the surrounding area.

Investing in care Services

Plan to tackle adult social care's winter pressures

Plans to support Adult Social Services with the expected "winter pressures" have been unveiled.

A report was heard by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet in December saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place.

The report said: 'Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising

demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.’

Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

- Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
- Stepping up the council’s care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
- Providing wrap-around support for care settings
- Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
- Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
- Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

Norfolk to take a step closer to new integrated approach to health and care

Norfolk County Council has agreed their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area.

Under the Health and Care Bill, Integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population.

Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population’s health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

Strengthening community Resilience

A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently

In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it.

Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via [our flooding pages](#).

The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to

ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier.

Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed

Norfolk's Cabinet considered the allocation of the council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports.

The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February.

The Cabinet meeting, held on 6th September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements.

This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.

Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance formally adopts Strategy

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved.

The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the [Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund](#) were announced.

Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000.

In total, the fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

Leading on Economic Development

Ground-breaking partnership to provide Covid-19 recovery support for Norfolk

Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people.

The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic.

Drawing on a range of expertise from local government, enterprise and tourism in the UK and France, the project supported people at risk of exclusion from the labour market and businesses at risk of closure.

C-CARE aims to reach 4,500 people and almost 2,000 businesses through its pilot initiatives which include skills training to help individuals find new routes into employment or starting a business, and advice and grants aimed at helping companies reset their business models in response to the pandemic.

In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.

Norfolk to get faster broadband thanks to new Government funding

Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK.

It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Supporting families and young people

Vulnerable young people in Norfolk have chance to take New Roads with launch of dedicated support service

A new service to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential launched on 1st June 2021.

New Roads was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed.

Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service provides young people with education, life coaching and speech and language therapy, as well as access to short term residential beds and foster care placements to help meet their needs.

The aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

Hundreds of free activities available for children and young people this Easter

Bookings are now open for [The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun](#), a programme of free activities that will run over the Easter holidays for 5–16-year-olds across Norfolk.

The scheme is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is being delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

After the success of HAF over the Christmas break and some brilliant feedback from parents, it's returning from 4 April though till 19 April with free activities for children eligible for means-tested free school meals. There'll be a fantastic range of activities taking place including outdoor adventure sports, dance and drama and circus skills across the county. With so many activities on offer, children will have an excellent range of ventures to take part in and may even discover a new passion.

Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk

There are so many options to choose from when leaving school - like apprenticeships, university, work experience, getting a job...

Or how about starting a business? It may seem a daunting idea at first, but there's lots of free help on offer.

Started in August 2021, the Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk

More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development.

A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing.

The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16.

Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found.

Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found.

A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care.

In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences.

Ofsted's visit follows a [similar focused visit in 2019](#), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

Caring for our environment

Carbon cutting commitment central to new county transport plan

A plan set to drive the county's transport policy for the next 15 years was discussed by County Councillors in August.

The ambitious Local Transport Plan has at its heart the aim to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce our impact on the environment.

A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which Councillors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.

Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July.

Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.

Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

|| RUNHALL COMMUNITY GROUP

i Runhall Community Group is pleased to provide this report of activity to the Parish Council.

The aim of the Runhall Community Group is to:

- Provide small improvements to Runhall considering broader interests of the community e.g. caretaking the phone box, installing defibrillator, installing benches on footpath etc.
- Maintain, develop and improve on existing facilities
- Encourage and promote wellbeing and mental health through outdoor activity for all age groups in the village of Runhall.
- Support the Trustees of Runhall Recreation Ground in the development and maintenance of the play area and equipment.

WHO ARE WE?

	Role	Elected for 2022:	Role	Elected for 2022:
Core roles	Chair	Rachel Prentice	Secretary	Caroline Blacklock
	Treasurer	Deborah Bourassa	Signatories	Deborah Bourassa David Fairman Janet Parnell
New	Safety Officer	Maurice Hutchinson	Grant officer	Jane Jewson
	Members	Caroline Blacklock David Fairman Deborah Bourassa Jane Jewson Janet Parnell Liz Holmes Maurice Hutchinson Rachel Prentice	Supporters	Anita Hair Bev Long Iain Hair Jade Aldred Sarah Nelis Amanda Jenkins Donna Dean

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Due to Covid, financial activity in 20/21 was minimal, payments included tree work carried out at the play area, insurance and ROSPA. No fundraising activities were undertaken in 2020. In 2021, we received a £500 grant towards the defibrillator from South Norfolk Council, there were two donations made, £100 for the hire of the marquee and £50 towards the defibrillator. Carol singing was our only fundraising event in 2021 and we raised £71. In February 2022 we held a bake sale which raised £64.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Fresh Start

2021

The major focus 2021 has been working with the Recreation Ground Trustees to find a mutually agreeable approach to running the Recreation Ground alongside the other priorities of the Runhall Community Group.

2022

A supportive relationship has been established resulting in the drafting of a set of working principles. It was agreed that each group would review these on an annual basis and accepted for another year or propose amendments which would be fed back to the other group for consideration.

We have also enhanced our group's focus by adding 2 new roles focusing on Risk Management and finding Grants

Next

With a fresh start in 2022 it is time to gain an update on our community's perspectives on the amenities they would like us to focus on now and in the future. We are conducting a survey during April which will guide priorities and inform our future event and grant strategies.

Recreation Ground

The Play Area was assessed by RoSPA in June 21 with many areas requiring attention. The areas reported as highest risk (at amber rating) were the small gate post, the tunnel ends, the toddler swing timbers and fixtures, the multiplay timbers and monkey bars and the basketball surface. .

The group have maintained the overgrown foliage, cleared leaves, weeded the basketball area, cleaned the benches and wooden equipment, fitted anti-bird devices, fixed the tunnel, tightened screws on play equipment and mowed the grass.

Identifying and applying for grants to replace the basketball area surface and new equipment as prioritized by the survey.
Apply for Aviva volunteers to repaint the fence
Cut the tops of remaining hedges
Remove brambles from outside

The Exchange (Phone Box)

This service was well used throughout the seasons by people with in the village and those who passed through, with plants, fruit and veg exchange. here was a good supply of books, CDs, DVDs etc. The Christmas Tree was a lovely much-admired addition to the village.

The Christmas Tree has been repotted and was embellished with hearts decorated by community members for valentine's day and verbatim of favourite books for book week

The tree will be used throughout the year to celebrate events such as Easter, Holidays etc

Grants

2021

A few grants were identified and applied for during the year. The Norfolk Foundation application was denied due to ongoing discussions with the Recreation Ground Trustees, the Norfolk Community Foundation photo competition was entered but we didn't win, we collected 758 tokens for the Cash for Charities and we were awarded funds. The Parish Council awarded funding to cover the cost of insurance for the Play Area for 2021.

2022

We have set up a new role 'Grant Officer' on the committee so that if we experience other phenomena like a lock-down we can continue to look for funds without relying solely on events. We have set up Amazon Smile.

Next

The results of the survey will help inform us on the type of funds and grant to look for.
We will also be looking for a fund to help with replacing the basketball surface.

Events

Due to the pandemic the only event that took place was the Carol Singing. This went very well, we had 20 carol singers and we sounded pretty good! We only made it down The Green this time as it started to get dark. Everyone was in good spirits and are keen to do it again next year. We might have to start earlier or work out a different route for next year if we want to make it to East Green.

The group have had 2 maintenance days at the recreation ground for gardening type jobs and maintenance outlined in the 'Recreation Ground' update section.
A Bake Sale was held in aid of the defibrillator

3rd April Litter Pick
Throughout April Community Survey
28th May Jubilee event
TBC sponsored Rural walk
TBC more maintenance days

Other Projects

Bus Stop - Norfolk County Council have visited the site to look at potential positioning and suitable standing area for the bus and children to wait. We have requested further updates.

Passing places – we have contacted Norfolk County Council regarding this but are awaiting an update.

Community orchard – Our requests for allotment land and scrubland on Copper Lane were unsuccessful.

Marquee – We had one booking during 2021 and a donation was made for this use. The marquee was noted to be in soiled condition before use with some fixings starting to deteriorate.

Defibrillator – South Norfolk Council have given £500 grant. The Bake Sale proceeds have been ringfenced for this project.

The output from the Survey will inform us on where to focus our attention for future activity

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar	Meetings	Maintenance Activities	Fundraising Activities
Jan		Thank you cards	
Feb		Maintenance day (13 th)	Pop up cake stall (Friday)
Mar	21st - Committee meeting		
Apr		ROSPA Inspection? (ROSPA last completed in June 2021)	Litter pick (3 rd) Meet 2.30pm @ Playground
May	Next meeting?		Platinum Jubilee (28 th)
Jun			
Jul			
Aug	Next meeting?		
Sep			Sponsored Rural walk
Oct	AGM		
Nov			
Dec		Apply for grant for insurance	Carol singing - 2pm

CONCLUSION

i *We look forwards to working with the Community and the Parish Council to maintain and improve the facilities of Runhall. We are excited about our up-and-coming activities and events and would welcome your support and participation.*

Feel free to contact the Runhall Community Group at your convenience by email at runhallcq@gmail.com or by phone at 07916127249.



Welborne Village Hall
Registered Charity (No 1086084)

Annual Report to Parish Council 2021/2

Writing this in the first months of 2022, we are hoping that life and the activities of the charity post-Covid will return to something like normal in the coming months. However, Covid 19 is still abundant in the communities of Norfolk and we can expect that there will be significant reservations on the part of our user communities to really treat social and community life as 'normal'. Nevertheless, optimistically, we are starting our social calendar again with monthly film nights. Hopefully, confidence will steadily return. With this in mind, near the end of 2021, we used some of our reserves to host a free and Covid secure social event for the community. This was well attended and widely appreciated.

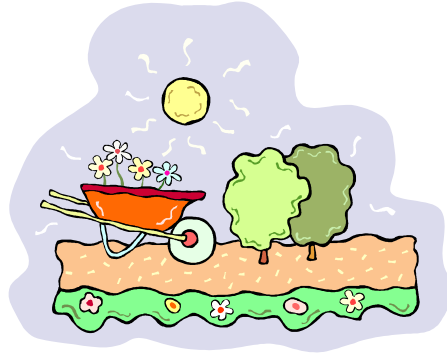
The flow of funds into the charity in 2021 has been erratic. We have had some income from hall bookings but mostly we have relied upon the generous Covid-recovery funds coming from South Norfolk District Council. Our finances are in good shape for our commitments to the Hall and the Community.

We continue to make improvements to the Hall with a revamp of the garden area in 2021 to create more open space, including some wildflower and wildlife friendly features.

All organisations are having to deal with increased energy and general costs. The Hall provides a centrally heated facility with a fully fitted kitchen with electrical appliances for cooking etc. These increased costs means that we have decided to increase the charges for hiring the Hall from £6/hr to £8/hr for a minimum of two hrs. These will be reflected in our new website that should improve the booking process both for hiring the Hall and for our events

Signed: ...*Andrew Maule*.....
Chairman

Date: 30/03/2022.....



RUNHALL RECREATION GROUND - Charity number 244796

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting - April 2022

The Trustees met several times over zoom during the year to fulfil their duties and the annual return to the Charity Commission has been completed.

All rents for the 2021/2022 season have been collected and although we have had changes in tenants, we currently have no vacant plots.

Insurance was paid due to the generosity of the parish council in allocating us funds following our grant application.

Communication has taken place over the course of this year with the newly formed Runhall Community Group. We met to discuss how we can progress further and after lots of work by both groups an agreement was made regarding the community group taking on the day to day running of the play area, which forms part of the Recreation Ground land. We now have a very good working relationship with the community group which is great.

If you would like to know more about the Recreation Ground - which was left to Runhall in an Inclosure of 1853 - please search on the Charity Commissions website.

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