

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

September 2022

Welcome to the Parish Council's News Letter. We aim to give up to date information to parishioners about what is going on in the village and beyond, how to get involved and where to go for advice.

Our Thanks to Her Majesty



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

It only seems a few short weeks since we were happily celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our longest reigning monarch and we are now mourning her sad passing. The Queen was such a present and stable part of our everyday life that it seemed surreal to think she would, some day, not be there.

The world has looked on as we united as a country to share memories and thoughts. It has been heart warming to see so many make the journey to London to wait long hours in "The Queue" and to see pockets of floral tributes spring up across the country.

In her 21st Birthday speech to the nation she promised to devote all of her life "be it long or short" to the service of her people and this certainly was a promise that was kept.

Our thoughts and condolences go to His Majesty the King and to all of the Royal Family at this difficult time.

May Gurney Site

Over recent months it has become apparent that the May Gurney site has unfortunately become a play ground for local children and youths to congregate. This is obviously a concern, not only to residents but to site management and the local police. I was asked to join PC Andy Sneddon for a walk around a few weeks ago and it is very apparent that trying to police the site is futile. Once anyone is over the gate, its a huge open space with limited views from the road and unless people are physically caught trespassing there is very little that can be done.

Following the recent fire at the Pumping House, I expressed concern over the buildings to Andy, and our fears that the other buildings will go the same way. He assured me that site management is looking into ways to make the buildings more secure but without bricking/boarding up all the windows and doors, on both floors, it is next to impossible to stop people gaining access. With this in mind site management are going to brick up the windows of the Pumping House to prevent further damage in there and there is hope that the same will be done with the buildings situated on the road.

It is not known how structurally safe the buildings are and there is fear that being open to the elements has damaged the roof and floors. One building further back on the site has been listed for demolition but when this will happen is not yet known. In the meantime all we can do is remain vigilant.

Trowse Parking Scheme



Just to keep you up to speed, we are still waiting to hear when the consultations will open for the final phase of the parking scheme. Having spoken to Norfolk County Council there has been a delay with the legal paperwork. We will let you know when and where you can send your representations as soon as we know. It's looking like November.

Speedwatch

You may recall that in the last edition I asked for volunteers for Community Speedwatch and we did have a couple of people come forward. However, we need 2 more to be able to make this viable. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each month to help with this just drop me an email.

Flooding

With the return of the wetter weather we unfortunately see the return of potential flooding. With this in mind the Parish Council are looking to adopt an Emergency Flood Plan (EFP). The plan, once adopted, will be available to view on the website, and will list all the necessary actions that will be taken in the event of a major flood. This will include how and where residents will be able to get hold of Floodsax, how they will be distributed, important contact details etc.

In the EFP there will be a list of vulnerable people that may need additional support or assistance during a flood. Therefore if you are a vulnerable person, or you know someone that is please get in touch with us and you/they can be added to the list. Please be assured that no personal information will be stored on the website and names and address will be kept private.

The Parish Council will also be looking to recruit some volunteers, should the need arise during a flood to move people, belongings and distribute Floodsax etc. Again a database of names will be kept by the clerk and if you feel you would be able to offer assistance please do let us know, using the email address below. THANK YOU.

Our Village Sign

I know many of you have been asking about the village sign and where it has gone. Please be assured that it is safe. It has been taken down for safety reasons and the Parish Council are investigating options. The grandson of the original creator was in the village to discuss its restoration earlier this month and if we went down that route it is going to be very costly and there will be a long wait of possibly 2 to 3 years. So it has been decided that the old sign will be restored to a condition that is suitable for displaying indoors, as a heritage item and the PC will be looking into getting a new sign designed for the entrance to the village. The restoration of the original sign will be project managed by local resident Chris Bowers and design option sought for a new sign. We are currently in talks with the Poringland Men's Shed to help us with both the restoration and the new sign.



Christmas Switch On

Following on from the success of last year's Christmas light switch on event, the PC will be holding another this year on the **2nd December**. Its going to be bigger and brighter than last years, with craft stall, refreshments and, if he's not too busy, Father Christmas himself!

"Is there anybody there?"

If you would like to get in touch with the Parish Council you can do so by emailing:

trowsepc@outlook.com or calling 07899 798853.

Details of meeting dates etc are on our website:

trowseparishcouncil@norfolkparishes.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate feedback.



Don't be a party POOPER

It has been noticed recently that there is a dog with an owner that doesn't pick up it's poop! We have seen an increase in the amount of dog mess left on the common, the allotments and on the route to the new school. This is not acceptable. Please remember that children play on the common, people work on the allotments and what child wants to drag poo into the classroom. We are in the process of putting another dog waste bin on Pepperpot Drive to help with this but ultimately it's a dog owners responsibility. Most dog owners are responsible but it's the few who spoil it for the many.