

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

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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.

Born to be Wild!



We hope you have spotted the delightful wildflowers around the edge of the common. They really do look stunning and are great for our natural world; attracting pollinators and insects to the area, increasing habitats and promoting biodiversity.

Our thanks have to go to the residents who, along with some parish councillors, helped to prepare the ground for them on a cold winter's day. Their work has paid off no end and we have a stunning display. The council has even received comments from residents of other parishes, stating how lovely they are and asking how we did it. With any luck this will mean that other villages will have wildflowers growing next summer and we can increase natural habitats across the county.

Grounds person

We are pleased to announce we have successfully recruited a new grounds person. Many of you will know Tony Brooks from over the allotments, with his wonderful array of fruit and veg but he's soon going to be putting his green fingers to good use around the village. The new position was created in an effort to keep rising costs of external contractors down. By bringing tasks in house we will have more flexibility on what, where and how some work is done. So keep an eye open for Tony whilst your out and about.

Polite Notice

Please can you ensure that you pick up after your dog. There seems to be an increasing amount of dog mess left on the common and in the village in general. This is certainly an issue over the allotments where we have now asked for dogs to be kept on leads at all times to help with this.

Please also remember that dogs are not permitted on the play equipment area of the common. We know that it is not always possible to stop your dog roaming but if you plan on being towards the play equipment please keep your dog on a lead. We've all had incidences of stepping in poop and it really isn't nice. There is also a health risk, especially to young children. So we politely ask that you clean up after your dog. Thank you.



I want to ride my bicycle.

With any luck, in the next few months we should see Beryl Bikes become available to residents. We are in discussions with them and County Highways, through our county councillor Vic Thomson, to provide two locations for bikes and e-scooters in the village, one opposite the church and one up towards the Crown Point Tavern. Hopefully this will mean that more people will ditch the car and use cycling to get to work or school.

May Gurney site

As you know we were as upset and disappointed as you all were with the sudden removal of the trees on the former May Gurney site. We wanted to be able to give you an update with regards to action about the tree removal but we are unable to at this time. The Forestry Commission are now involved, along with the Environment Agency and South Norfolk District Council and we have been informed that assessments are taking place of the trees that were removed and we will be informed of any next steps.

We have had another discussion with the landowner about the proposed plans for the site and we are keen to maintain a dialogue with them going forward. By doing this we can ensure they are aware of the issues that are important to residents. Some of these issues are traffic, the local ecology, maintaining the village feel and our unique history and natural environment. We have an East Norwich Regeneration working party of councillors along with our own planning consultant to help guide us through this process.

Please do take the time to look through any planning applications for the site and make comments. Any comments are taken into consideration when planning officers make decisions. The proposed design codes documents for the site can be found by scanning the below QR code, or visiting www.broadlandandsouthnornorfolk.gov.uk and following the links to the planning page and searching for application number 202/1825. The reason that public engagement is so essential is it gives us the opportunity to have a say on what is important to us and our communities.

If you would like to ask a question but don't know who to speak to, send it to us and we can help you find out or even ask it on your behalf. You can email the Clerk on the below email address with any questions you may have.



Parking

As of the time of this going to print I'm afraid we have no further information about the proposed parking scheme other than the number of responses.



We have been told that there were 171 objections to and 37 in support of the scheme but more details have not yet been sent our way. We will keep you up to date when we know more.

"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.