

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

July 2022

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

A BLOOMING GOOD SUMMER

It's so lovely to see that the flowers that were planted on the common for the jubilee have flourished in their tyre planters. These tyres were left on one of the allotment plots and rather than send them to the landfill the Parish Council repurposed them for our village celebrations. They are making a wonderfully colourful addition to the village when the grass on the common is so dry and brown.

I'm sure many of you have heard about the recent fires in the county due to the hot weather and it is very important that extra care is taken when having BBQ's and bonfires. They can easily get out of hand and with everything so dry at the moment it will only take the smallest spark to start a major fire. Even something as simple as dropping a cigarette butt out of your car window can cause a big problem.

With this in mind Whitlingham Trust has recently taken steps to stop people going onto the water meadow. With our recent heatwave many people made the trip to the Lane and held picnics, BBQ's and parties on the meadow. Unfortunately this has led to some damage to trees, river banks and a lot of litter, including disposable BBQ's. The Trust would like the river bank etc to recover before allowing people back on the meadow. Rubbish left can cause hazards to wildlife and birds and it is sad to think that people cannot take their waste home with them.



There are also unseen dangers of swimming in rivers and broads and great care should be taken, especially with young children and pets. Weeds, water depth, and currents can cause even the strongest of swimmers to get into difficulty, and things like Weil's disease and blue-green algae can be harmful to health.

It is important to have fun and to return home safely at the end of your day. So please make sure that you take your litter away with you and dispose of it correctly, ensure that all fires and BBQ's are extinguished properly or preferably have a picnic and leave the cooking to home.



Trowse Parking Scheme



The Parish Council held 3 events in the Manor Rooms over the weekend of the 22nd-24th July to give residents an opportunity to view the proposed parking scheme and discuss any concerns with councillors. Around 80 people came along to these events and had their say. It is clear to the Parish Council that this is a very emotive subject. Some people clearly disagree with it but other support the plans and we are undeniably not going to be able to please everyone.

The full council meeting held in the 25th July was largely given over to this topic and we had very good attendance from the public. The PC are grateful to those who attended and offered their views. The meeting was also attended by my Councillor Neal from South Norfolk District Council and Councillor Thomson from Norfolk County Council. They were able to answer some questions that the PC didn't have answers to.

- 1 - the cost of a residents/visitors permit will be £50 for 12 months.
- 2 - Once the opportunity to comment is made known, there will be a 28 day comments window for people to make their representations directly to NPLaw.
- 3 - It is equally important that those who support/don't support the plan to send in their representations.
- 4 - It is not possible to reconsult the whole village. If full roads (every household) object to the proposals they MAY be removed from the scheme.

With issues on match days and County Hall eventually returning to full capacity, parking issues in the village will return and it was always the PC's aim to ensure that residents in the village are able to park their cars.

"A mind needs a book like a sword needs a wet stone"

Did you know that Trowse has a mobile library visit once a month? Well, how about getting yourself signed up for a library card and having the world at your feet without having to travel further than Devon Way!

Norfolk County Council are currently holding a consultation about changes to the mobile library facilities which could see a halving in funding for this service. There are currently 6 mobile libraries

in Norfolk making 1304 stops in the region. These stops can be outside pubs, schools, care homes and Community Centres, or simply on the roadside like ours is and they are such a wonderful facility. They don't just offer books, there is advice and support for parents, baby weighing and lots more. It's important that we keep this service going as it is vital to many, especially those who live alone and don't necessarily have the means to get into the city or to other libraries.

If you would like to take part in the consultation with NCC you can do so by visiting haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk or calling 0344 8008020. The consultation period is open until the 14th September 2022.

Library visit dates are below from 16.45—17.15 For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

• 10 August 2022 • 07 September 2022 • 05 October 2022 • 02 November 2022 •
30 November 2022 • 28 December 2022 • 25 January 2023 • 22 February 2023 •
22 March 2023



Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council are seeking volunteers to be able to reinstate the Community Speedwatch initiative.

Training and equipment will be provided, so if you feel you can spare an hour or two every month please contact the clerk. Let's work together to keep our roads safe.



"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.