

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

January/February 2025

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.



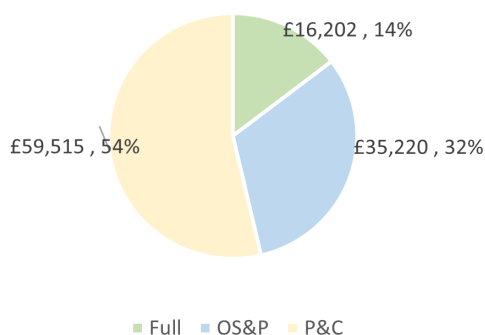
The Parish Council is responsible for the various Day to Day running costs of the village. This includes street lights, refuse (including dog bins), maintenance of our green areas (Common, churchyard, cemetery), recreational facilities (on the Common) allotments and management of our many trees. We have 2 employees, a Clerk and a groundsman.

In common with other bodies we set an annual budget, and we started this process last October. Each committee individually considered its costs, based on historical and anticipated expenditure, and provided draft budgets to our Finance Sub Committee. Finance then reviewed the budgets, including how the costs would be met.

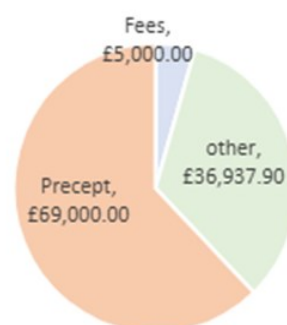
The final budget was agreed at Full Council in December, with estimated expenditure of £110k funded by a precept request (the money we receive from our District Council) of £69k, fees (cemetery and allotments), interest and capital (including earmarked reserves from previous years 'Community Infrastructure Levy').

This year's precept request is 20% higher than 2024/25, to bring it back in line with expenditure (as we have been drawing down on our capital following a 50% reduction in our precept request in 2021/22) and because we are not anticipating any future Infrastructure levy. This percentage increase equates to about a 90p per week increase per household.

2025/26 Budget - payments £110,938



Income 2025/26



Manor Rooms — Consultation.

You may have read on the socials about a consultation at the Manor Rooms about how to raise funds to help with the maintenance and continuation of the building in serving our community.

The Manor Rooms trustees are holding two drop in events for residents where they can discuss plans and ideas for future proofing the Manor Rooms for the village. These drop in event will be held in the main hall of the Manor Rooms on Friday 7th February (6-8pm) and Sunday 9th February (11am—3pm). The trustees will be on hand to answer questions and take people through their proposals.

On Friday 28th February at 7pm there will be an open meeting of the Trust and the public to discuss the thoughts and interests expressed in the drop in sessions, and an opportunity for the public to vote on the outcome.



We would like to thank all those that attended the Christmas Light switch on. It was great to see so many people including our County Councillor and our local MP. The biggest thanks goes to Father Christmas who took time off to visit and to Becky Long and the Manor Rooms for organising.

Recycling

Just a quick note to remind you all that trips to the tip need to be booked now. This can be done by visiting the Norfolk County Council website. Also, please do make use of the Reuse shops available at the recycling centres. They will accept all sorts of things to save them from the landfill, and who knows, you might be able to pick up a bargain.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Accessibility to the common

You may recall that we let you know about a proposed change to the footpath that runs behind the horse trough on the corner of White Horse Lane and The Street. The proposal sees the extension of the footpath around to the yellow gate. This will ensure that pedestrians will safely be able to cross the road from the old school side of White Horse Lane. We have to move the common railings back a little to accommodate this path and we hope to get these works underway soon. We aim to keep disruption to a minimum.

Biodiversity Corner

This year the Parish Council have been pondering about what to do with wildflowers on the Common. We all know how lovely they look when they bloom but it takes an lot of work to get to that stage. When we first undertook this task everyone was in lockdown and itching to get out of the house, so we had a whole host of volunteers. Over the years help with the ground preparation has diminished. We are currently working with a very dedicated but very small number of volunteers for biodiversity projects and we would like your opinion on how you think the Common should look.

There has been discussions about having smaller patches of wild flowers on the common, rather than the whole length as this will make ground preparation more manageable. However, if we get more of a volunteer base that are willing to help with the ground prep in the spring we can possible do more. Please let us know your thoughts on what you would like to see.

It is also hoped that we can plant some wild flowers on the grass to the front of Mustard Way and Pepperpot Drive.

If you'd like to help with any activities for the Biodiversity Team, please do get in touch. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment, it can be as little and often as you like, and as we know, many hands make light work.



Man's Best Friend

So many of us think that a dog is a man's best friend, but what happens when someone is afraid of them or intimidated by their size or enthusiasm. With that in mind the Parish Council is asking residents who take their dogs on the Common to please ensure that their dog is under control at all times. We will be putting up notices asking people to keep their dog is on a lead whilst in the play equipment area and that other dogs off lead, using the area beyond the play equipment, are able to be recalled by their owner.

We also have a big issue with dog mess, especially on the Dell allotments. There are signs asking people to keep their dogs on a lead on the allotments so there should be no excuse for not picking up after them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

"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.