

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

February/March 2026

Welcome to the Parish Council's Newsletter. 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.

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT

The village certainly had it's work cut out when they met on a cold January morning to begin the mammoth task of clearing the MUGA! But they didn't let the cold weather or the size of the task put them off. Over the course of the weekend 50+ people turned up to help with this, and we have too say what a wonderful job has been done. So many of you ventured out with clippers and spade in hand to transform the space. There is still a long way to go before this can be used but it is safe to say that massive progress has been made and we could not have done it without you. So many, many thanks to those that joined us for the 3 weekends that it took. We'll now move on to the next stage.



"What is the next stage?" we hear you ask. Well that is to get the remaining dirt and moss removed from the surface. This requires specialist equipment. In order to help pay for this activity a request will be made to Crown Point Estate for some funding, as they still own the land. Once an assessment/clean has been undertaken, and with the surface given the all clear to use, it is hoped that an agreement can be reached with Crown Point about how we utilise this facility. Details of what this agreement will look like is yet to be determined, but talks will be taking place soon. It is hoped that it can be run on a trial basis initially to see what the uptake is. This is where you come in. In order to make this a viable facility for the village, it will need to be used by you, your children, your neighbours and beyond. We will keep you updated with progress, so watch this space.

We love dreaming of hot summer days during the cold winter months, so we wanted to let you know that we are planning another **Summer Vibes** music and craft fayre on **Saturday 1st August**. If you'd like to join us to perform (or know someone that would) or to sell your art/craft wares please contact Kate, who will be only too happy to add you to the list. It is hoped that we can have a great mix of musicians and crafters.

This year we should be joined on the common by Marky D's burgers van, Vlad's Pizza van and Redwell's Fire Engine Bar "Dennis". Along with returning favourites like Equal Brewery, FOTS and the allotment holders stall. Local businesses will be joining in as well, so it is a great way to show your support to them. Please contact Kate for more information about performing and stalls, and watch this space for information.



Beep Beep

Thank you to all those who attended the Traffic public forum on the 27th January. It was a great opportunity for people to share their concerns and views about traffic and speeding in the village. County Councillor Vic Thomson joined us and helped answer questions from the floor.

It is hoped that in the future Speedwatch sessions will be able to take place in some 20mph zones, which at the moment it is not possible due to confusions between the police and Highways. We are waiting to hear if/when this will happen. We also picked up some potential new members for Speedwatch, which is always helpful.

The bus service and how we could go about getting more buses to come through the village was also discussed. This is something that we will escalated to the local MP.

You may notice when driving/walking down Whitlingham Lane that new 20mph roundels have been placed on the road to help enforce the road speed.

Manor Rooms

The inaugural meeting of the new Manor Rooms committee took place last week. This committee is new to the Parish Council and the first to have non-councillor members from the former MRMC.

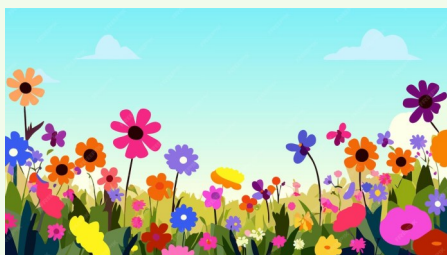
As reported in other newsletters there is a significant amount of building work required to ensure that the Manor Rooms have longevity and this formed part of the discussions at the first meeting. Specialist conservation builders have been asked to quote for works, which the building team will go through to make sure any plans are suitable and sympathetic to the building.

The general day to day management of the building will be run by the facilities team who will work to ensure that bookings, cleaning and planned community events run smoothly. This is where our volunteer committee members come into their own, bringing their knowledge and enthusiasm to the group to ensure that you have a functional, safe and cared for village hall. It is also hoped that more community events will be held throughout the year to allow residents to join in free or low cost activities. The first of these will be an Easter Craft Event on Tuesday 31st March. If you have ideas for events, please do let us know.

Please visit the Manor Rooms website for more information and to make a booking. www.trowsemanorrooms.org.uk

Wildflower Heaven

We all love seeing the wildflowers on the common over the summer. So we are planning on sowing the seeds again ahead of spring. If you are free and able to help, there is a lot of ground prep that needs to take place on the common to allow for the seed to be given the best chance of thriving. Members of our Green Team will be on the Common on the 28th Feb/1st March to organise the seed beds and any help will be gratefully received. I'm sure the wheelbarrow café will be out and about too.

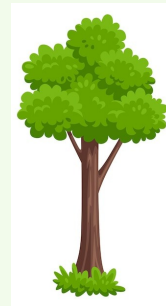


Holding Back The Flood

Trowse residents are only too aware of the issues we have with flooding. Especially this time of the year when we have winter storms, high winds and high spring tides. The Parish Council try to take a proactive approach to this by making sure that the drains across the common and culverts under The Street are kept as clear as possible. With that in mind we have contacted the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) again to see if they will come out to reinspect the drains. We only had them cleared about 3 years ago but they get silted up easily and given how many trees we have, branches and twigs clog culverts. A representative from the IDB will be in the village in March to see if clearing can be done again.

Reappearing Trees

We didn't like to hold our breath when on a dull January morning one of our Green Team spotted activity on the former May Gurney site. Initial concerns over diggers and men being on site gave way to hope to see that trees were being planted around the site! Nearly 3 years after they were dug up and burned, new saplings have been planted along the river banks. To say we are pleased is an understatement.



Meeting Dates.

Listed below are the meeting dates for the PC committees and Full Council for the next 3 months.

Personnel and Comms/Open Spaces Committees from 6.30pm

Monday: 9th March/April 13th/11th May

Manor Rooms Committee 7.30pm

Tuesday: 10th March/14th April/12th May

Finance Committee and Full Council from 6.30pm.

Monday: 16th March/20th April/18th May.



GET IN TOUCH

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.