



Great Snoring Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summary of the Annual Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council on Thursday 11 May

The meeting began with the re-election of Sue Pannell as Chairman and the election of Vanessa Thompson as Vice-Chairman. Policies were noted and responsibilities allocated. These can be viewed on the parish council website <http://greatsnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Planning - one application received for conversion and change of use of barn to one dwelling and erection of detached garage with accommodation within roof space at Duck Town End, Barn, Thursford Road. The Parish Council had no objection but raised concerns about the access. It was noted that the District Council had approved the application for the retention of installed damp proof course and replacement front door at 2 The Terrace, The Street and that an application for demolition of garage, erection of side and rear extensions and raising height of roof to create first floor accommodation at Dream of Delight, Thursford Road had been withdrawn.

Accounts and Annual Return were approved and signed.

Insurance - quotes for annual insurance were considered and it was agreed to take up the offer from Inspire under a long term agreement for three years.

Finance - the annual subscription to Norfolk Association of Local Councils which provides support, legal advice, training, national representation and the Parish Council website, was approved along with usual payments. It was decided to cancel the dog waste collection service with Scooper Dooper and to set up a contract via the NNDC. It was noted with appreciation that the Parochial Church Council had donated £50 to the Parish Clock fund which included the cost of replacing three slates and lead strips on the nave roof. It was agreed to purchase a plaque for the clock tower to commemorate the new dial.

Environment - It was noted that the trees on the knolls on Thursford Road had been trimmed and the canopies raised and that it was recommended that the situation should be reviewed again in two years when it might be appropriate to remove some of the trees and replace with smaller varieties. A dead tree overhanging Fakenham Road was reported.

Highways - it was noted that the road-markings for the bridge had been re-ordered. The issue of the root on Little Snoring Road was discussed. The Clerk reported that the Highways Engineer had previously said that highways would not do anything about roots raising a bump across the road.

Allotments - It was reported that Avian Flu restrictions would be lifted on 15 May, however it was agreed that the permissive path across the allotments should remain closed. It was agreed that the provision of mains water to the allotments would be put on hold as there were other issues to address.

IT - It was reported that the work was progressing on installing faster broadband which included work near the Social Club and on the Walsingham Road. Aerials were being installed so that the Vodafone signal at top end of the village would be 3G or 4G.

It was noted that Historic England was in the process of listing the **War Memorial**.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Social Club. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Councillors

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Members of the public are invited to attend. There is an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise matters of concern.

Annual Report May 2017

Parish Council Newsletter and Website

The Parish Council continued to distribute a bi-monthly newsletter and set up a new website to keep the village informed of Parish Council news and information.

Planning applications

The Parish Council considered a number of planning applications throughout the year and provided the District Council with its views as a consultee in the planning process. A planning policy was adopted in order to comply with the new shorter deadlines imposed by the planning authority and to accommodate the District Council's move to online planning consultation.

Highways Matters

Following representation from the Parish Council and a site meeting, the County Council Highways department erected a sign before the bridge warning drivers that there might be vehicles in the middle of the road. 'Slow' is also due to be painted on the road. Highways also responded to notifications of potholes and other defects and took appropriate action.

Overgrowth from hedges and trees impinging on paths and roads was also cut back by landowners and volunteers helped to keep the footpath by the church clear and accessible.

The Parish Council was pleased to see the return of the renovated milestone on the Little Snoring Road and looks forward to the return of the one on Walsingham Road. The work of the Milestone Society is much appreciated.

Appearance and Maintenance

The Parish Council has continued to keep up appearances in the village, with the assistance of volunteers, by cutting hedges, and the grass on verges, knolls and on Gurney's Ground, and providing dog bins and paying for the collection of dog waste. Street furniture on the lower knoll was cleaned and road signs were cleaned and foliage cut back. The Parish Council appreciates the trouble that people take to clear debris from the drains, pick up litter, and cut back overgrowth for the benefit of all and thanks all those who contribute to the pleasant appearance of the village. Thank you to all volunteers.

Allotments

The Parish Council continued the contract for pest control on the allotments. For four months the permissive path across the allotments was closed to minimise the risk associated with avian flu. Two social gatherings were held for allotment holders to talk and raise matters of concern in an informal setting which proved to be beneficial. The allotments continue to be popular,

There are a number of plots available, contact the Parish Council if you are interested in renting one.

Parish Clock

A year after it was noticed that the rim of the clock face was damaged a new blue dial with gilded lettering was re-instated. The new dial and associated costs was paid for by a generous benefactor and donations from residents, visitors and local supporters. This generosity is very much appreciated. The Parish Council has opened a separate account for the Parish Clock to cover the cost of annual services and to build up reserves for future maintenance and repairs.

Billy Bushell

William or Billy as he was known to many, who had lived at Vine Park Farm most of his life sadly died on 30 May aged 86. Prior to moving to Vine Park Billy had lived in various houses in the village. He showed great interest in the history of the village, and supportive of the Village Archive providing much valuable information.

Terry Hill

Terence or Terry as he was generally known, died suddenly on 5 June aged 79. Although he had lived in Little Snoring for many years his heart was still in Great Snoring where he was brought up with his twin sister Hazel. Terry was a friend to many and contributed in various ways to Great Snoring including the Village Archive.

Dr Marie Strong - Norfolk County Councillor

Perpetrators of SCAMS are getting more and more sophisticated and it is not only the vulnerable who are falling for their tricks. Anyone with concerns about letters or emails they have received, cold callers on their doorstep or websites they have visited - any of which might ask for personal information or money - do not respond but contact the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline (CACH) on 03454 04 05 06 or via the online form at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer.

Please share this advice with anyone who has concerns about any form of SCAM.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

The vacancy for a Parish Councillor still remains. If you are interested in contributing to the community and working as part of a team please contact the Clerk 01328 822366.

To participate fully in the workings of the Parish Council it is now necessary to have access to the internet and email. Advice and help can be given if required.

Help needed for Tea at The Club!

Help is needed for this monthly event to continue. Set up eleven years ago it is held on the first Tuesday each month and is still popular. If you can help please contact Hazel Seekings 820785.

PERMISSIVE PATH

The Permissive Path across the allotment area will remain closed until further notice due to the Defra Avian Flu alert.

Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations

If you have a private pumping station on your property and have not yet registered it with Anglian Water please contact privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk. For other queries, contact publicaffairs@anglianwater.co.uk

From 1 October 2016, many private pumping stations automatically transferred to and became the responsibility of Anglian Water.