

Trunch Parish Council

Ordinary Meetings of Trunch Parish Council were held by video conference using Zoom on Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 12th August. The meeting was attended by the Clerk and ten Councillors.

The casual vacancy for a Councillor will be advertised and interviews will be held once the expressions of interest have been received. The post of Vice Chairman will remain vacant for the time being. Our County Councillor submitted a report which highlights the effect that Coronavirus has had on Norfolk County Council's services. A copy of Ed Maxfield's report can be found on the village web site.

Now that we are emerging from the restrictions of the coronavirus lockdown we will be pursuing Norfolk County Council regarding the progress of the drainage improvement which was scheduled for this year. The shielding of the bright street light in Chapel Road will be installed soon.

Cllr. Burns outlined the proposal for a grant system to help young people to achieve a start-up business following the Covid crisis. This included help with writing business plans and mentoring. This scheme would also provide a service to the village as young people set-up trade businesses. Terms of reference are to be prepared and this matter will be considered at the next meeting. In the meantime, brief details of the scheme will be advertised to ascertain if there is any interest in the scheme within the village.

Thanks to volunteer dog owners and Councillors together with the introduction of a new dog bin and bag dispenser, the playing field seems to have been kept clear of dog poo and signs are that Phase 1 of the scheme, dealing with the issue, has been a success. Since the change of contract for the collection of waste from the bins around the village the service of emptying them has improved. Although you may not have noticed, the cleaning of the play equipment continues each day by our volunteers. The outdoor adventure equipment cannot easily be cleaned so it remains closed. Please do not attempt to use this item.

New contracts for all of the grass cutting on the playing field, verges, footpaths and cemetery are being prepared and tenders for the work will be invited shortly. An additional quote is being sought from solicitors to act on the Council's behalf in registering the Title for the ownership of the playing field with the Land Registry. A number of footpaths have become overgrown. However, we have been assured by Norfolk County Council that improvements to the service are being made and that we should see the results soon.

Due to the co-operation of landowners with the Parish Council and the North Norfolk District Council a small number of planning issues have, for the time being, been dealt with.

Our Clerk, Julie Chance, is leaving the Parish Council at the end of October and we are currently advertising for a replacement. If you feel you could join us please refer to the advert on our web site, contact myself or visit www.norfolcalc.gov.uk/vacancies

Our meetings cover many items which I am unable to report here so please visit our web site www.trunchparishcouncil.co.uk to view a full set of the Minutes, details of our Finances and the various Documents.

Due to restrictions of the Coronavirus future meetings will be by video conferencing using 'Zoom'. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm. A link to join the meeting can be obtained from the Clerk by email at juliechance0311@gmail.com or telephone 01263 834094. A Parish Council page also features on the Village web site www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk

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