

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 6th November. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, the County Councillor, ten Councillors and three residents.

The formalities for filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Gloria Green have been put in hand by the Clerk.

A new dog bin and waste bin have been delivered to us and will be installed as soon as we have appointed a contractor.

The waste bin will replace the existing open topped one in the children's play area. The Parish Council is considering a proposal to provide a gated fenced area at the south west end of the playing field to create an exercise area for dogs. This area would be equipped with a dog bin and poo bag dispenser. **Your comments regarding this proposal would be welcome.**

It has been noted that the contents of the bags in waste bins and dog bins are not being collected and replaced on a regular basis. The North Norfolk District Council have been requested to bring this to the attention of their waste management contractor, Kier Ltd.

The poor condition of the road outside of the Crown Pub has been reported for a third time. The damage road name sign 'Pyghtle Close' has been report to Norfolk County Council and should be repaired soon. The sunken gully cover at the entrance to Blacksmiths Close has been reinstated by the County Council.

The removal of the low hanging branches on the tree at the junction of Pyghtle Close and Knapton Road has been completed.

The owners of the land adjacent to Pyghtle Close near Fullers Lane have cut back the overhanging hedge/shrubs which have caused a nuisance for so long. Some owners may still not be aware that their overgrown hedges are causing a nuisance to pedestrians, especially during wet weather. If you have hedges bordering or overhanging footways can you please check that they are trimmed back to your boundary.

105 trees of the following varieties, hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel silver birch and rowan were successfully planted by 20 volunteers around the Southern and Western edges of the playing field. These trees were provided by the Woodland Trust and they mark the start of the Well Being and Environmental initiative, Trunch 2030, that the Parish Council will be launching soon.

The Task and Finish Group considering the future management of the allotments will be meeting the Diocese to talk about their granting the Parish Council a new lease, or possibly even selling the land to the PC thus avoiding the need to deal with them in future.

The Council are investigating the introduction of a Facebook page. As we already have a social media vehicle, Trunch Nextdoor, we would like your opinions as to whether or not we need an additional means of communication within the village, please let us have your thoughts. My contact details are at the end of this report.

The Parish Council are the first tier of local government representing the residents of Trunch, providing an important interface with the District Council and the County Council. Councillors are all unpaid volunteers and whilst they are entitled to claim expenses they have never done so, certainly not during the time that I have served on the Council. It is fair say the majority of the Councillors are relatively new comers to the village but were the only people to put themselves up for election to the Parish Council. In any event it is totally unacceptable for any Councillor to be insulted, verbally abused or threatened at any time and especially when they are doing their best to serve the interests of you and the village as a whole.

The full Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings and details of the Councillors can be found on the Parish Council website www.trunchparishcouncil.co.uk The next meeting of Trunch Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Meeting Room. A Parish Council page also features on the Village web site www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk
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