

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held by video conference using Zoom on Wednesday 2nd September. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, nine Councillors and the District Councillor.

Prior to the Meeting an interview was held with Richard Miles to fill the casual vacancy for a Councillor. Our District Councillor, Greg Hayman submitted a report in which he confirmed that the North Norfolk District Council had been distributing grant funding to support businesses during the Covid crisis. Greg also announced that a major reorganisation of Local Government is planned. Central government will be producing a white paper on the matter soon. The Parish Council asked Greg to investigate the lack of responses from NNDC's Planning Department.

Several highway matters are being pursued at present. At last Norfolk County Council are to repair the surface of the road outside the Crown; we will be given one week's notice to arrange for cars to be parked elsewhere during the work. Broadland Housing Group have been requested to get on with installing a road name sign for Fullers Lane. Despite requests to repair potholes in the village there is still no action from NCC. The Parish Council has written to Swafeld and Bradfield Parish Council and North Walsham Town Council to confirm our support for a permanent improvement to the difficulties of passing traffic on the bridge in The Street, Swafeld.

Although there have been no neighbourhood policing meetings (SNAP) during the Covid crisis we have continued to liaise with our Police Beat Managers regarding issues that are of concern to residents.

As there appears to be a lack of interest in maintaining and improving the skateboard facility the Council have agreed that the Village Society be given the opportunity of removing the half pipe set to storage prior to selling it. It has been agreed that if it cannot be removed voluntarily quotations for its removal will be put in hand. In the meantime, we are seeking prices to provide a new back board and hoop for the basketball/netball facility.

Tenders are currently being obtained for the grass cutting of the playing field and maintenance of the verges, footpaths and cemetery. Parish Partnership funding has been agreed for the provision of 'speed gates' at the northern end of the village. Our contribution to the cost of £1056 has been paid to Norfolk County Council and we await installation.

The issue of empty homes around the village was reported to North Norfolk District whose response stated, that upon inspection, the properties in question are classified as second homes and not empty homes. The matter is to be pursued through the lobbying of our Member of Parliament, Duncan Baker, by the North Norfolk Town and Parish Council Forum.

Our Clerk, Julie Chance will attend her last meeting of the Parish Council on 7th October. Julie has been a loyal, diligent and dedicated servant of the Council and village as a whole. Her vast knowledge of local government legislation and her guidance in these matters will be greatly missed. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the very best for the future. Three cheers for Julie!

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 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 7th October 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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