

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th August. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, four Councillors and six residents. Two Councillors who were unable to attend joined in by Zoom.

To our sadness Brian Boughton, who has been our Chairman for the last three years, has decided to stand down. The Council thanked Brian for his energy and dedication and was delighted that, although no longer Chairman he was prepared to continue working for the Council as Vice-Chairman. Our previous Vice-Chairman, John Spencer, has agreed to take Brian's place as Chairman. (This means that John and Brian have exchanged roles.)

As reported in the last Mardle the Council has a "Building Back Resilience" scheme intended to help those residents who have become isolated from families and friends as result of lockdowns and the pandemic because they do not have access to online communication. The scheme will make equipment available to them and train them to use it. Working with the Village Society a grant of £720 to purchase equipment has been obtained from the North Norfolk District Council Sustainable Communities Fund

In response to the climate emergency the Council is working with the Norfolk County Council and North Norfolk District Council on a scheme to replant hedgerows and plant extra trees. Cllr David Burns, who is leading this, will be needing volunteers in the autumn. Prospective volunteers can contact him by email at davidburns@dbaconsulting.co.uk

As part of this, the Parish Council is considering planting two small "community orchards", one on the Green on the Hill and the other on the north-west corner of the Playing Field. Before going ahead with this it intends to gauge public support by distributing a "yes/no" questionnaire to every household, responses to be returned to the Village Shop by 30th August.

As explained in our July report the Parish Council has applied to Norfolk County Council for the village to be designated as a No Cold Caller Zone. The application will be granted only if enough residents return the questionnaire forms distributed last month and at present not enough have done so. If you would like the scheme to go ahead, please could you complete the form and post it back in the pre-paid envelope supplied?

The East Anglian Air Ambulance is offering us a free one-hour training session on Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on Thursday 9th September - provided at least 20 people wish to come. Those interested please contact the Clerk, who will arrange the time and location.

One of our allotment plots is at present vacant and two more are expected to become vacant in the autumn. In letting allotments our policy is "Trunch first": we give preference to village residents before letting them to applicants from outside. Are any residents of Trunch interested in taking on a plot? If so, please email or phone the Clerk whose contact details are shown below.

As some problems with the COVID pandemic are still continuing the Parish Council intends to limit the number of Council meetings held face to face, holding informal Zoom discussions in between. Both meetings and Zoom discussions will be open to the public, with links available for Zoom discussions. Details of dates will be published on the Parish Council noticeboard and on the website.

The Parish Council are very busy dealing with local issues and our monthly 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. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday 10th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A Parish Council page also features on the Village web site www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk
John Spencer - Chairman. Contact: clerk@trunchparishcouncil.co.uk or 07818 026809