

# Trunch Parish Council

A Meeting of the Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 6th February. It was attended by the Clerk, ten Councillors and the Leader of North Norfolk District Council.

Sarah Butikofer, Leader of the North Norfolk DC, explained that she had attended to hear of particular issues as she felt the biggest issue was that the District Council do not listen to the Community. She acknowledged that much needs improving in the Communities. Sarah was asked about the volunteer dog warden scheme and whether she could investigate what has happened to our enquiry regarding the progress of taking up the offer from a volunteer to become a dog warden for Trunch. Councillor Butikofer was also requested look into a recent planning application which was refused despite the Parish Council and community support; the Clerk will forward the paperwork relating to the planning application for her to investigate. An issue regarding the Benjamin Foundation was raised and Sarah promised to investigate.

Norfolk County Council had stated that they will keep the Parish Council informed once the outline solution for the drainage to the North Walsham has been agreed. Norfolk County Council will meet with the Parish Council to discuss the solution nearer the time.

An application to receive Parish Partnership Funding for the provision of a SAM speed indicating sign will be made at the next date in December. During the discussion with Councillor Butikofer she mentioned that installation of SAM signs fitted with a data collecting device had been successful in assisting to apprehend speeding motorists. I am sure you all will agree some means of restricting the speed of vehicles in the village is overdue. Perhaps some funding raising might accelerate our attempts to get measures put in place preferably sooner rather than later.

The Parish Council agreed to implement the recommendations of the tree inspection report and get the necessary work put in hand as soon as possible.

The work ordered to improve the surface of the footpath between Brewery Road and Gimingham has been started by removal of the timber barrier at one end of the footpath. However, we have been informed by Norfolk County Council' National Trail Officer that the barrier will not be replaced. Apparently, they state that it is extremely unlikely that such an obstruction would prevent someone from cycling along the footpath but it is very likely that it would prevent legitimate access of the route by users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Also, he says that no 'chicane' is specified on the definitive map and statement for this public footpath either, meaning that this is an illegal structure. A stile is specified by the definitive map and statement for both ends of the footpath. As these structures have been removed at some point in the past, the County Council would not seek to replace them: Norfolk County Council rights of way policy prohibits the installation of new stiles, as they are a severe barrier to access. Likewise, no other obstruction would be authorised at this point, as there is no agricultural requirement for an obstruction of any kind. Your comments regarding the situation would be welcome.

The pot holes in Gunthorpe Lane and at the junction of the North Walsham Road and Gimingham Road have been reported to Norfolk County Council. Please beware of the hazard they create.

Work on the resurfacing and edging of the recreation ground car park has been commenced.

Parish Council elections are being held on Thursday 2nd May 2019. Candidates wishing to serve as Councillors must complete a nomination. Nomination forms together with guidance notes and a timetable for submission of the forms are available from the Clerk (01263 833902) or myself (01263 720252). If any prospective candidates wish to know about the time commitment and responsibilities of the Council and Councillors' I, or the Clerk will be pleased to discuss these with you. There will also be a candidates briefing on 4th March at 6.00pm in the NNDC's offices in Cromer.

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](http://www.trunchparishcouncil.co.uk) The next meeting of Trunch Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 6th March 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](http://www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk)

Brian Boughton, Chairman – Trunch Parish Council