

# Trunch Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting Trunch Parish Council were held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 8th May. The meetings were attended by the Clerk, eight Councillors and one member of the public.

After the completion of the business of the Annual Parish Meeting (presentation of the Chairman's Report and Reports by Local Organisations) the Ordinary Meeting began with the election of the Chair, myself and Vice Chair, Gloria Green.

The damage to the footway/verge on the west side of the North Walsham Road has been repaired. The Norfolk County Council have informed us that they will be repairing all of the pot holes previously reported as soon as possible. Acting on complaints from residents around the village regarding the nasty smells emanating from sewer manholes the Clerk will report the problem to the Anglian Water Authority. The Clerk will, also make enquiries regarding the possibility of imposing a speed limit of 20mph through Front Street and Back Street. It was reported that the road surfacing outside the Crown pub has deteriorated and is in need of repair.

**The re-occurring problem of overgrown hedges blocking the footways and footpaths is causing a nuisance to pedestrians at several locations throughout the village. I appeal to owners of these hedges to have them regularly cut and trimmed.** It is worse for pedestrians after rain when the foliage is wet thus giving the passer by a soaking or causing them to take evasive action by walking in the road.

As some issues regarding the future use of the playing field have been raised by an interested resident the Council agreed to investigate if there is an appetite or requirement for football to return to the playing field. If this is the case a new pavilion built to modern day standards would be required to meet FA regulations. A large sum of money would be required. The Parish Council have undertaken to ascertain if there is any support for the return of football, determine the up to date cost estimates for the provision of a pavilion and **seek opinion of residents regarding the support for raising the necessary funds.** Two years ago, the estimate for only the shell structure was £55,000, the cost of fit out (male/female changing facilities, toilets, showers, heating, lighting and furniture) would have to be added to this sum. **Please let me know your views by contact at 01263 720252 or [brianboughton@btinternet.com](mailto:brianboughton@btinternet.com)**

The matter of planning consent for the erection of a summer house on the land abutting Back Street near the junction with the Gimingham Road is under review by North Norfolk District Council.

The Local Plan (Part 1) concerning housing development in North Norfolk between now and 2036 has been issued and we have until the 19th June 2019 to make comments. Only the proposed development in large and small growth towns and large growth villages is covered in the Plan (Part 1). We know that a large development of houses is planned for North Walsham. Trunch is classified as a small growth village and any proposed development will be covered by Part 2 of the Local Plan to be issued in October 2019. However, under Part 1 of the Plan, the North Norfolk District Council are seeking to identify available sites in small growth villages for small scale development (0.25 and 1 hectare in size). Details of the Local Plan can be found at [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanconsultation](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanconsultation)

The damage to the bridge in Coronation Wood has been repaired by Norfolk County Council.

A number of items of expenditure including the Clerk's salary, and tax were agreed for payment.

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 5th June 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