

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 11th December. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, eight Councillors and four residents.

Several comments regarding a proposal to provide a fenced and gated enclosure on an area of the playing field to allow dogs to run off the lead have been received. Opinion is split between three options viz. provide a dog enclosure, ban dogs from the playing field or continue with dogs on leads keeping to the west side of the playing field. However, we know that dogs already run free all over the playing field which increases the likelihood of dog poo deposits being left, uncleared, by owners. Three of the residents in attendance were strongly in favour of a ban, there was no other representation from dog walkers. It was pointed out that there had been a ban of dogs on the playing field some time ago. Reference was also made to the document of Conveyance of the Playing Field to the Parish Council in 1954. As North Norfolk District felt that currently we did not meet the criteria which must be met before we can consider the implementation of a total ban the Parish Council will check on the circumstances which led to a ban and duly inform the NNDC accordingly. Once all the circumstances and information have been determined it is likely that we will arrange for a public meeting to be held to ascertain the views of all the residents, that is non dog owners as well as dog owners. By holding such a meeting, it is hoped that we can achieve a solution that suits everybody bearing in mind that the field is used by children playing in the play area and on the outdoor adventure equipment, adults working out on the gym equipment and young people playing football. A request by the Village Society to extend the playing field skateboard facility to allow use by younger children is to be considered during our deliberations concerning the use of the playing as a whole. During a meeting with the Police, matters of reporting crime, speeding motorists, the theft of the shredder owned by the Village Society and a recent unprovoked attack on a dog by another dog were raised, discussed and actions agreed. The Police have requested that any suspicious activity should be reported by contact by dialling 101 on the telephone or using the 'Norfolk Police' online reporting procedure. All reports should contain as much detail of the suspicious activity as is possible.

The condition of the road outside of the Crown Pub remains in a poor state despite our requests to the County Council to arrange for repairs. The damage road name sign 'Pyghtle Close' has been reported to Norfolk County Council but still remains defective. These two issues have been reported once again.

Since the planting of the trees and shrubs around the Southern and Western edges of the playing field, 25 support canes and five rabbit guards have had to be replaced.

The new lease document for the continued use of the allotments has been issued by the Diocese for agreement and signature by the Parish Council. As a result of the work and investigations by the Task and Finish Group a small number of issues require clarification with the Diocese before the formalities can be completed.

The organisers of a new event Trunchfest2020 have written to the Parish Council informing us of their plans to hold a one day music and beer festival on Sunday 2nd August. It will be a non profit making venture with funds going to support the Village Clubs and Societies. The event will be staged on the paddock off Mundesley Road, there will be no overnight camping and will not involve road closures. Full security will be on hand.

The Parish Council have been requested to join in the Well Being and Environmental initiative, which covers many aspects of community life including measures to reduce carbon emissions to 'Net Zero' by 2030, the timescale adopted by the County Council. The County Council, supported by the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, have also declared a Climate Emergency. These issues are being considered by us and we will be distributing our plans identifying how we can best serve the interests of the community whilst meeting the new challenges for maintaining a sustainable future for the next generations. An update of the Parish Plan is now underway and questionnaires will be sent to all households in the village in due course.

The social media site Trunch Nextdoor is proving to be a useful means of communication between residents and the Parish Council. Finally, we wish everybody a very Happy New Year.

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 8th January 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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