

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 8th January. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, eight Councillors and thirteen residents.

Opinions as to the future use of the playing field for exercising dogs were divided. Those residents in favour of a ban produced photographic evidence of the signs (No dogs allowed) that were erected at the entrances to the field in the 1990's and insisted that a bye-law implementing a ban was still in force. Residents in favour of allowing dogs to be on the playing field suggested ways in which the continued fouling of the field by dog poo could be discouraged by installing more bins, providing dog poo bag dispensers and even a fenced area for dogs to exercise. These residents were prepared to assist in patrolling the playing field and removing and disposing of any dog poo. After hearing the proposals of those for a ban and those against it was stated that a compromise was required to achieve a result which would satisfy everybody. Due to time constraints it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange a public meeting, inviting the Environmental Rangers of North Norfolk District Council to attend. Those in favour of the dog ban thought this a waste of time as they were convinced that a ban remains in place. The Chairman, along with two or three volunteers, agreed to deliver notices of the public meeting to all dwellings in Trunch. The Chairman agreed to review copies of the Mardle in order to track down evidence of a ban backed by a bye-law. By holding a public meeting, it was hoped that we can achieve a solution that suits everybody.

Due to an unfavourable inspection report and the evidence from ex-users of the skateboard half pipe that it is no longer used, a resolution was passed to remove the facility. The Clerk wrote to the Village Society to inform them of the decision.

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. A date for the repairs has to be agreed as parked vehicles will need to be removed in order for the repairs to be carried out. Norfolk County Council have advised us that a replacement of the damaged road name sign 'Pyghtle Close' is in hand.

Since the planting of the trees and shrubs around the Southern and Western edges of the playing field, 42 support canes and five rabbit guards have had to be replaced.

Councillor Burns gave a presentation of the Vision Content, the Mission and the next steps in achieving a Balanced Environment within the Wellbeing initiative. The County Council, having declared a 'climate emergency' it is important that we start to consider how we as a community set about ensuring we provide a sustainable future for the young people of Trunch and of the whole world.

Councillor Spencer had talks with the Diocese and as a result the Clerk is writing to them to request an alternative lease to that containing a three year fixed term. It was agreed that the Parish Council pursue the purchase of allotment land. Although the current lease has expired the Diocese are happy to continue with the existing lease whilst the negotiations continue. The Clerk will be inviting tenders for the clearance of two vacant allotments before they are reallocated to people on the waiting list.

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 5th February 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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