

Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 3rd July. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, ten Councillors and two members of the public.

The draft response to the Draft Local Plan was adopted by the Parish Council and will be forwarded to North Norfolk District Council.

As a result of my meeting with the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Trunch was given high priority for policing of speeding within the village. Also, our Speed Watch team have been in action. This has resulted in a number of reported incidences of speeds in excess of 40mph.

The new goals for the playing field have been ordered and will be installed by the start of the school summer holidays. The re-positioning of the marker posts on the playing field seems to have stopped them being constantly removed.

In an attempt to encourage a minority of dog owners to pick up dog poo the Clerk is obtaining prices for supplying and emptying an additional bin to be placed at the entrance to the playing field off Amis Close. The battle to deal with this apparently unsolvable problem continues.

The footbridge in Trunch Oakwood (Coronation Wood) is closed to pedestrians for safety reasons whilst major repairs are planned and carried out. Please do not attempt to use the bridge until repairs have been completed.

All of the potholes previously reported have, at long last, been repaired. A poor attempt to repair the road surface outside of the Crown Pub has been made by the County Council but further repairs are required and this has been reported. The sunken gully cover at the entrance to Blacksmiths Close will be reported to the County Council. The missing direction signs on the post at The Hill opposite the Crown were reported to the NCC. Since the meeting the newly maintained 'fingers' have been reinstated but, unfortunately not in the correct order. This error will be reported to NCC.

Quotations for the removal of the low hanging branches on the tree at the junction of Pyghtle Close and Knapton Road will be invited.

The application for a Closure of Front Street in order for the Crown Inn to hold a beer festival over the first weekend in August has caused concern. The Councillors agreed that I should liaise with the landlord and request that he makes local residents aware of the beer festival letting them know the proposals, reassuring them that access to properties will be maintained and that it will be a family event involving St Botolph's Church. Since the Parish meeting the landlord has posted a note of the event on social media, posted the Road Closure notices and held a meeting to hear people's views. Eleven residents attended the meeting during which the landlord explained the details for the weekend and the plans he has for entertainment and making sure the event had minimal impact on the village as a whole.

Again, we appeal to landowners to cut back boundary hedges which are overgrowing and obstructing the footways and footpaths. Overgrown hedges are causing a nuisance to pedestrians at several locations throughout the village. It has been reported that horses have been using the footpaths around the village. Horse owners, could you please keep to riding on the bridleways as the divots created by the horses is causing problems for walkers.

The allotment Task and Finish Group have been investigating the current and historic situation regarding the terms of ownership both by the Parish Council and allotment holders with a view to regularising the current situation. It is intended to hold a series of meetings with the current holders to obtain views on how to manage and control the allotments in future.

Victory Housing are to be contacted regarding their proposal to erect bollards at the end of the paved access way in Blacksmiths Close which could restrict access by emergency vehicles.

Due to the lack of volunteers, the Village Society are no longer in a position maintain the wild flower garden in the Rectory Meadow which forms part of the cemetery. In the circumstances, the Clerk is to seek tenders from Contractors to carry out regular maintenance of the grassed area and abutting hedge.

The Council has agreed to set up a Facebook page. Details of this will be made available as soon as a Social Media Policy has been introduced.

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 4th September 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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