

## Trunch Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Trunch Parish Council was held in the Methodist Church Community Room on Wednesday 4th March. The meeting was attended by the Clerk, nine Councillors and nine residents. Two of the residents introduced a pre-planning submission for a property they wish to build on the Mundesley Road. The family were brought up in Trunch and took over their father's property recently. Unfortunately, the property is too large and they wish to downsize. The Members of Trunch Parish Council were given plans and details to consider. Once the formal planning application has been received the Parish Council will make their comments to the District Council bearing in mind all the information they have received.

It was pointed out by a resident that whoever cleared the tree on the allotment made a mess of the site with the brush and logs still on site. The Clerk explained that she is liaising with the Diocese about the clearance of the logs and brush as it was their tree.

A resident was not happy that there has not been a dog ban on the playing field. It was explained that at the public meeting it was agreed to carry out a three-phase approach as North Norfolk District Council need proof to be able to enforce a dog ban. The Members of the Parish Council are keeping a record of the dog fouling before and after the new dog bin and bag dispenser is installed. If phase one fails then the Parish Council will move onto phase 2 which is to segregate the dog walkers on the playing field. Phase 3 is for the dog ban to be requested. It should be noted that North Norfolk District Council have the power to put a dog ban in place and enforce it. The Parish Council do not have the power. The playing field is to be registered with the Land Registry.

A resident queried the new LED lights which are very bright and asked whether they could be dimmed. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into the cost of shields on the new lights to prevent them from shining into properties. It was also reported that the footpath from Chapel Road to Wades Way is very muddy and dangerous. As it is believed that this footpath is privately owned the Clerk is to find any previous correspondence which may confirm this.

Two Councillors attended the Neighbourhood Policing conference and were surprised at the amount of work and effort by the police to ensure, with the resources available, that we are kept safe. Two beat Managers are responsible for policing 20 parishes including Trunch. Criminal activity can be reported online (Norfolk Police) or by telephoning 101 service. The Police reported that there was no evidence of a 'County Lines' drug operation in North Norfolk. I have requested that the police respond to our reports of suspicious activity so that we are aware of any successful actions in apprehending culprits.

Broadlands have been requested to supply a road name sign for Fullers Lane.

Overgrown hedges are again causing problems especially at the Wrights Loke/Chapel Road Junction. Owners of the adjacent land will be requested to have the overhanging branches cut back.

A schedule of improvements for the playing field together with cost estimates had been produced by the newly formed Friends of the Playing Field. However, the Parish Council's insurers have confirmed that volunteers will only be covered if they are undertaking activities organised and instructed by the Parish Council. Although it was agreed that a Friends of the Playing Field Group could be formed, the group will be required to submit their plans and risk assessments in advance for agreement by the Parish Council before any work is undertaken.

It was reported that the felled tree on footpath FP3 has been removed and the footpath FP10 has been reinstated after ploughing.

A new dog waste bin and bag dispenser have been installed on the playing field near the North Walsham Road access point. Dog owners please use them.

The Diocese are to be informed of amendments to the lease for the allotments and it was agreed that negotiations for the purchase of the Village Hall allotment site would not proceed for the time being.

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) Subject to Coronavirus restrictions the next meeting of Trunch Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Meeting Room subject to the effects of the Coronavirus. A Parish Council page also features on the Village web site [www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk](http://www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk)

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