

# **Minutes of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Annual Parish Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
In Welborne Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Councillors present;** Mike Webb, Peter Wood, Stephanie Austin and Trevor Curson. County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury and the clerk, Bev Long were also present.

**Organisations present;** Brandon Parva Litter Warden – Coralie Meadows, Welborne Litter Warden – Brian & Margot Hancock. Runhall Allotments – Bev Long, Runhall Play Area – Liz Holmes, Jane Holdom – Vice Chair of Norfolk Association of Local Councils, Susan Cross – Welborne Church and Tina Redshaw – Trustee of Welborne Village Hall.

Nine members of the public were also present.

**Apologies received;** Cllrs Clare Kay, Carolyn Bailey and Andrew Egerton-Smith. Also Tim Weatherstone, Mark McCaghrey, Mark Gill and Mattishall doctors.

**Guest Speaker – Joe Webb – Waste & Environmental Strategy Officer of South Norfolk District Council.**

1. Mike Webb as Chair of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the format of the evening and introduced the guest speaker Joe Webb.
2. Joe introduced himself – head of a small team at South Norfolk dealing with waste strategies – prevention; re-use; recycle; recover; disposal. Their target being – EU target of 50% recycling rate by 2020.
3. Joe then proceeded to give a power point presentation answering questions throughout. Some of the information he gave was;
  - Total waste collected last year from refuse (black bins), kerbside (green bins), garden waste, electrical, recycling and mini recycling centres was 47054.87 tonnes
  - Waste has increased 2500 tonnes since 2012/13 with much more garden and recycling waste
  - Kerbside recycling was expanded in October 2014 with a new contract issued thus allowing more items to be processed in recycling – this was mainly due to new technology being available
  - Why clean? – important so the technology can sort and grade correctly – if residue on items they can stick together thus making them unrecognisable
  - Why keep items loose? – to aid separating machines which recognise ‘whole’ objects but not crushed ones. Some sorting is still done by hand but it is mainly magnet or infrared machinery
  - Some items are not able to be recycled - either they require different machinery to what is currently available, they are made of more than one material (composite material) or there is not a market for the end product

- South Norfolk do not currently offer a food waste service – unlike Broadland and Norwich but it is always on the agenda
- Refuse is collected on alternative weeks with narrow access vehicles – these are 32 tonne vehicles with a capacity to carry 15 tonnes
- Always encouraging waste reduction – food waste; plastic bag reuse; buy fruit and veg loose; buy concentrated; buy items in packaging that can be recycled; think portion sizes; look at use by/best before dates; freeze food; use washable not disposable nappies; choose bills by email
- register at [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) to remove name from direct mailings lists to reduce junk mail
- Target materials to reduce/reuse are; textiles, WEE, food, plastic, furniture, paper & board
- South Norfolk reuse events – if we would like one in our area please email and request. Already raised £2502 for charity with 12,126 items recycled and 5112 reused. Saves a lot of items going to landfill etc.

Joe then answered specific questions from the audience;

- Suggested that South Norfolk produce a leaflet about what they do want in rubbish/recycling but also a list of items that they really don't want – troublesome items
- What do we do with paint? – allow the paint to dry out and then it can go in the black bin. Norfolk County Council have a 'paint amnesty' event usually in Sept. Try to give to others to use (re use) and some bigger companies are now looking at introducing a 'take back' policy for any unused/unwanted paint.
- Breckland confusion as they have different coloured bins for different waste/reverse to South Norfolk, could the councils combine so all the same – cost and disruption would make it difficult to resolve this but it is something they are focusing on.

Joe was thanked by Mike Webb for coming and giving a very informative presentation. Joe advised that he would send a copy of his presentation so it could be placed on the parish council's website

Recycling bags were left with the council to distribute – Joe would welcome feedback on them.

4. Parish Council Report; Mike Webb as Chair of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council gave his thanks to all the Cllrs who give their time voluntarily. He also thanked Bev Long, Clerk to the council for her work throughout the year and gave congratulations for her Clerk of the Year award. Thanks were also given to the band of volunteers who deliver the parish councils newsletter to every house in the parish. Mike then gave a short summary of his full report which is an appendix to these minutes.

5. Reports from other bodies.

*Susan Cross – Welborne Church:* Tower has been awarded a Heritage Lottery grant for its repair, lots of work required. Lots of work involved getting grant – help is required from the villages. Organising a cycle ride or walking around parish – information required about landmarks etc. 2 ladies are investigating cemetery – back to 1600 if any one has any information that could help this task and the same for 1 gentlemen investigating the war memorial. Queen's birthday celebrations – ideas required – working with the parish council to bring everyone together from across the parish.

*Brian Hancock and Coralie Meadows – Litter wardens*; lots of old beer cans some full and half bottles of whiskey have been found on their litter walks. Always come bag with a full bag of waste collected. Coralie commented that litter around her area didn't appear as bad as in previous years.

*Jane Holdom – Vice Chair of Norfolk Association of Local Councils*; problems in service started last year due to change in staff and funding – improvements being made with staff being trained. Asked for patience from councils whilst they improve and pick up speed. Association is from a strong base and are still active, offering a service provision. Legal advice can be sought from the National Body. Suggestions for any improvement ideas, training requirements or conference type events would always be welcome. Café clusters and IT support – platform for free website are still happening.

6. Open Forum; no questions were raised but the audience were reminded that the Parish Council Welcome pack had been updated and was available on the website or a hard copy could be sent out to anyone new in the parish if details given to the clerk
7. Mike Webb thanked everyone for attending and welcomed them all to attend any parish council meeting. He then closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Refreshments were then served.

Written reports from the following bodies form part of these minutes:

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council Chair  
County Councillor  
District Councillor  
Runhall Play Area  
Runhall Recreation Ground (allotments)  
Norfolk Association of Local Councils  
Mattishall Surgery  
Welborne Village Hall