

Merry Christmas

We hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable time over the festive period.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are here, as a parish council, to work for you, the parishioners. So let us know what is important to you and what the community needs, either by email, phone or by coming to our meetings.

All the best for 2020 – Simon Guest, Carolyn Bailey, Andrew Egerton-Smith, Clare Kay, Clare Miller, Mike Webb, Peter Wood and Bev Long.

County Council Budget Consultation

Norfolk County Council are currently running a consultation exercise on their 2020/21 budget proposals. You can contribute via the Norfolk County Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk with the consultation closing on 10th December.

Taking care of rural roads

Farming activities can have a significant effect on our rural roads and Norfolk County Council is keen to work with the farming community to help ensure our roads are safe for all users. The web pages at

www.norfolk.gov.uk/farmingandthehighway outline how we can all work together to help improve road safety and the roadside environment.

South Norfolk District Council Grants

There are still some funds available to provide Community Action Fund grants, details available on the Council website community grants page <https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/communities/community-grants>. Richard Elliott, our District Councillor is happy for anyone who is interested in obtaining a grant to contact him.

Parish Council Grants

Every year the Parish Council may be able to make small grants for projects within the Parish. If you want to apply for a grant in 2020, please contact the Parish Clerk by 31st December for an application form (also available on Parish Council website).

Parish Council Meetings 2020

The dates of the 2020 Parish Council meetings are as follows:

January 8th, March 11th, April 22nd (Annual Parish Meeting), 20th May (Annual General Meeting), 15th July, 16th September, 18th November.

All meetings are held in Welborne Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm.

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Highway Developments

There are two major highway developments due to take place over the next few years – dualling of the A47 (North Tuddenham to Easton) and the proposed Norwich Western Link (the preferred option has it joining the A47 in Honingham). There is a major concern that during and after these major developments there will be an increase in rat-running between the A11 and the A47 which will clog up the roads, increase pollution and adversely impact the environment in the local villages, including those in our Parish.

A community meeting was held in Kimberley in October, attended by George Freeman, who was the local MP then, to discuss the issue and agree a plan to tackle the problem. Many of you will already have received a letter from George Freeman on this topic and a summary of the agreed way forward is below.

The plan agreed was:

- To create a proper campaign Task Force to co-ordinate the various villages affected.
- To work with local councillors, County and District Council officers, Highways England officials, the A47 alliance and countryside groups to oversee:
- A proper traffic mitigation Plan around the works to prevent our area being despoiled by a plague of rat-running over the next few years as the A47/Western Link works are done.

Your Parish Council will be involved in this activity and report back on a regular basis. However individuals can get directly involved by contacting George Freeman at george@georgefreeman.co.uk



Parish Council Information

Items for the agenda - If you would like to propose an item for the agenda of an upcoming meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Noticeboards - The parish noticeboards are always a good place to look for up to date or important information.

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