

BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MONDAY 9TH MAY, 6PM

Refreshments will be served between 6pm and 6.30pm before the meeting starts. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.30 pm followed by the Annual Council Meeting at 6.45 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is the most important meeting of the year. All residents on the electoral role have a chance to ask questions, annual reports of groups in the village are given. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, council officials are re-confirmed or elected. Everyone welcome at both these meetings please do come along if you can.

MILLENNIUM PIECE

The survey has now been completed and copies have been delivered to all houses in the parish. The link for completing the survey online is <https://forms.gle./eGVK3MHX8EXkTtDA> If you have not received a form or would like another, please contact the Clerk.

The deadline for this form is 18th May 2022. Please return copies to a Councillor or to the Clerk. Details at the bottom.

FLOODING

The Parish Council have agreed to be placed on the cascade alert system from Norfolk Resilience Forum to keep updated with regards to flooding. Anglian Water has also been asked to provide a report following the camera work undertaken on the pipes in the village.

HIGHWAYS

The bridge railings have now been repaired. Norfolk County Council are investigating replacing the kissing gate on Creake Road together with gates either side of the bridge. The Parish Council have reported that accessibility to this field is problematic.

The Parish Council are still waiting for an update from Norfolk County Council regarding the lowering of the speed limit which parishioners voted to lower to 20 mph.

Please do contact the Clerk if there are any potholes or other issues within the parish. These can also be reported on the [Norfolk County Council website](#) or telephone number: 03448008020.

PLANNING PERMISSION - YES OR NO?

Having established that planning permission might be something that you want to take account of your next question will legitimately be: "**When do I need it?**" shortly followed by "**What do I do to get it?**".

We are going to look at the first of these questions and in the next newsletter will look at some of the processes you might need to navigate to get it.

"When do I need it?"

Most of us are aware that if you want to build your field of dreams it may not be just sports fans that turn up to your ground breaking ceremony (apologies to those of you who are not Kevin Costner fans). Very broadly if you want to do **something** which is going to involve building something or the use of something then you need to read on so if you want to:

- Build **something**
- Change an existing **something**
- Do **something** new with an existing **something**

So chances are if you find yourself in B&Q or Jewsons eyeing up some large bits of wood, concrete or metalwork you might need to have a quick think before you realise that getting three tons of cement home in your Nissan Micra is not your only problem.

Interestingly demolishing something does not normally require planning permission but you may still need local planning authority consent so no wrecking balls just yet please.

Permitted Development is your friend

It is not all doom and gloom however. If you are only doing some minor works then you may not need to worry about planning law or obtaining planning permission and minor does not mean changing a door or a bit of painting it can mean a conservatory and even some extensions. And this is where the maths comes in. For those of you who find the whole 2 + 2 thing a bit tricky (i.e. this writer) then as with all things internet there are some very handy interactive guides that take you through the whole thing step-by-step. The one for West Norfolk can be accessed here: https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20077/planning_applications/106/check_if_you_need_planning_permission

A conservatory therefore may well be ok provided you run through the requirements carefully.

There are also guides for single and two storey extensions – yes you read right even an extension may not require planning permission; however, be warned the requirements and maths is tricky, if you are in any doubt please ask!

GOODRICKS

The Clerk has reported the pot holes around the road at the Goodricks. This is not dealt with by Highways but the Borough Council have been informed this needs repairing.

NEW PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

The Parish Council have arranged for a new public notice board to be installed on the side of the bus shelter. This is not locked so any posters etc can be displayed.

The Parish Council are considering a village map to include rights of way and historical features of the village to be placed on a Notice Board the other side of the Bus Shelter.

TREES AROUND THE PARISH

Councillors have taken part in a walk around the village to ascertain where new trees can be planted and what other action is needed to improve our environment. Councillors are now working on a map to discuss with landlords/tenants, County Highways and other interested parties. The village will then be consulted on the proposals.

MILL LANE/BACK LANE

The Parish Council have been made aware of an incident on this narrow lane, with its high banks, involving pedestrians and a vehicle travelling quickly. The Parish Council are investigating this with Highways as to what measures can be taken to help make walking on this narrow lane safer.

MINUTES

The minutes to all parish meetings are on the website and the Noticeboard near the bus shelter. If parishioners with no internet access would like copies of the minutes or other documents, then please contact the Clerk.

CONTACT

Any issues please contact the Clerk – Sarah Raven on email: clerkburnhamthorpe@gmail.com or telephone 01328 738512 / 07788516733. To return forms please send to 5 Wells Road, Burnham Overy Town, Norfolk, PE31 8HU

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