

# BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

### YOUR COUNCIL

Your council is there to serve you and the community. It relies on the active participation of councillors who give freely of their time and expertise. When things go well, we hear very little – when things are not going well we hear quite a lot (!)

The essence of good management and government is public participation and accountability.

Please could you all make an effort to attend one council meeting a year (more if you enjoy it) – you can see what goes on and participate in decisions and discussions that are of direct and immediate relevance to your life and your environment.

See you there...! Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Nelson Memorial Hall.

### MILLENNIUM PIECE

There were 45 responses received regarding the survey on Millennium Piece. The question asked was “The Village should continue to retain Millennium Piece” - 25 No / 20 Yes. It has been agreed that the Parish Council would write to Holkham to explain the survey results and enquiring whether Holkham might assist in a financial contribution in conjunction with the village to keep this maintained for the benefit of the village. If Holkham are willing to discuss a financial contribution towards the cost, then this will be considered again at the next meeting. Alternatively, the lease will not be renewed and given back to Holkham in accordance with the results of the survey.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

The Village Hall Committee is looking to purchase a defibrillator to be installed at the Village Hall. The approximate cost of the defibrillator, heated cabinet and installation will be just under £1800. Grants have been raised by the Village Hall Committee in the sum of approximately £600. This is a valued piece of equipment to have in the parish as it may save a life. Statistics show if a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest, survival rates jump from 6 % to 74 %.

If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of this potentially lifesaving piece of equipment, please contact Holly Smith on Tel: 01328 730758.

### DARK SKIES PRESENTATION:

A presentation was given at Burnham Overy Village Hall by Norfolk Coast Partnership. It highlighted the dark skies for the area.

- 1) Find out what the fuss is about - get out there and enjoy the night skies for yourself! The Norfolk Coast boasts lots of places where you can see the Milky Way and countless constellations. Visit the [Norfolk Coast AONB Dark Sky Discovery Sites](#) which have some of the most pristine night skies in the country or go for a stroll after sunset to experience the sights & sounds after dark. Take part in CPRE’s annual [Star Count](#) every February – a citizenscience study to teach children about the night sky and measure light pollution.
- 2) Light only what needs lighting. Look at your property to work out exactly what you need lighting and install an appropriately sized light. Do you need a large security light to get into your front door or will a small downward facing fixture do the job? Take time to consider whether lighting is even needed – in many cases it won’t be.

3) Use only the amount of light that is needed. How much light do you need to see by? Don't always install the brightest bulbs. Warmwhite light low-energy LED lamps are just as effective and can cast a good-sized footprint. They produce less dazzle than the blue-white LEDs yet are more energy efficient than orange sodium bulbs. You will save money AND won't waste light upwards into the sky (or your neighbour's bedroom window).

4) Encourage and support improved / removal of street-lighting in your area. If you have streetlights in your village, town, or district, explore if/ how these could be improved. The older orange sodium lights could be replaced with LEDs. The newer blue - white LED lights can be dimmed or replaced with warm-coloured LED lighting or removed altogether. There is lots of potential here to reduce light pollution. Speak to your district or borough council or your local parish or parish council representatives.

For more great tips from the Norfolk Coast Partnership visit their Dark Skies on their website: [www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk](http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk) Dark Skies Discovery sites.

### **STREET LIGHTING**

The Parish Council has discussed dimming the streetlights after midnight to save energy costs and enhance the dark skies to be enjoyed in the parish. The costs of this have shown that new LED lights would need to be bought at no inconsiderable cost. The Parish Council are therefore minded turning the lights off permanently – this is an unusual step and views are sought on the extent to which parishioners would support this.

### **HIGHWAYS**

Goodricks – The Borough Council have attended and completed works on the potholes. They have indicated this will not be resurfaced and repair is sufficient.

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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) or telephone number: 03448008020.

### **MILL LANE**

After a site visit with Highways, it has been agreed by the Parish Council to ask Highways to install signage to alert vehicles there are pedestrians in the road. It was also agreed to have SLOW painted on the road. Holkham have been approached regarding a permissive path being allowed on the field margin however this is not possible. Another incident on this road has come to light. It would be helpful to have a record of any incidents which occur on this road. If there are any incidents that have happened on this road, please contact the Clerk.

### **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](mailto: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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