

# BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm in the Nelson Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

The cold weather has made being a councillor in our village hall challenging; the heaters take some time to warm the hall up and by the time the hall is a little above freezing it is time to pack away. Meetings with gloves, hats and travel blankets have been a regular feature.

Please note that we have elections coming up and if you are interested in standing, please see the notes below and what is required.

More generally we are making good progress with projects around lighting and also ensuring that our rights of way are protected; please let us know if you have any questions around this. Equally, the future of the Millennium Piece and basis on which we operate the allotments is under consideration and views on this would be welcome as would potential allotment holders!

### ELECTIONS MAY 2023 BECOMING A COUNCILLOR

With elections taking place across the borough on 4 May 2023, there are lots of opportunities to stand as a borough or parish councillor. The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is urging anyone interested in standing as a candidate to read the information on its website and to book a place on one of the forthcoming pre-election briefing sessions.

Councillors play a key role in the borough, representing the people that elected them and providing a voice for the community. They help shape services for the benefit of local people.

Anyone interested in becoming a councillor can find out more by visiting [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/beacouncillor](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/beacouncillor). There are links to nomination papers and further information from the Electoral Commission as well as guidance on who can stand, how to complete nomination papers, spending and donations and campaigning.

Nomination papers need to be submitted to the Electoral Registration team at the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk offices, in person, from **21 March 2023 and by 4pm on 4 April 2023**. It is best to telephone to make an appointment and to submit papers well ahead of the deadline so that there is time to make any changes that might be required.

### STREET LIGHTING

Two Contractors have been approached for a quote for a new street light on the junction of Lowes Lane/Church Lane. Quotes and information regarding changing the timer systems of the existing streetlights is also being prepared. These quotes should be available at the March meeting.

### **GRITTING ON WALSINGHAM ROAD**

The Norfolk County Council – Highways Department sent a response regarding the gritting of Walsingham Road. A further response is being prepared by the Parish Council in response to this email to try and establish the gritting route through Burnham Thorpe for the end of the year.

### **ALLOTMENTS AND MILLENNIUM PIECE**

No further updates from Holkham regarding this matter. The Advisory Group are having a walk about with members from Holkham to discuss various matters which will be addressed at the next meeting.

### **VILLAGE SIGN**

A quote had been given for the restoration and repainting of the village sign for £3050. The Parish Council felt this was very high and will approach other sign writers for quotes.

### **OLD RAILWAY LINE TO BURNHAM MARKET**

Please do contact the Clerk for an evidence form if public have walked the Old Railway Line. Several forms have been collected.

### **HIGHWAYS**

Any potholes, blocked drains etc please report to the Clerk.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

If anyone would like to receive Newsletters and other information from the Parish Council via email, please subscribe using the Parish Council [website](#) located under Newsletter tab or 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.

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