

# BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Parish Council wishes all parishioners a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.30 pm in the Nelson Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Another packed agenda at the Council meeting notwithstanding the bitter cold weather. As requested we have turned the Street Lighting back on and are looking to have small addition to the current scheme with a light being planned for outside the Village Hall. Other things you should have a look at are the current paths around the village and maintaining our public rights of way – some of which have been enjoyed for many years. We are working hard to have gritting fully reinstated and the Council is grateful to a parishioner for finding out that the Norfolk County Council risk factors have not been properly considered and gritting should be reinstated. Given how treacherous the road was during the cold snap I hope we can sort this out without too much delay. Great to see lots of villagers at the carol service in All Saints and then at the pub afterwards!

### STREET LIGHTING

The Contractor had not responded to requests for different types of timing systems to be used on the streetlights. Therefore this will be carried over for the next meeting to be discussed. A new streetlight to be placed on the junction of Lowes lane/Back Lane/Church Lane is being quoted for.

### GRITTING ON WALSINGHAM ROAD

The Parish Council are asking for the Norfolk County Council to reconsider just gritting in “severe” weather conditions and reinstate the gritting as previously.

### ALLOTMENTS

The Advisory Group are met with Holkham and discussed some ideas for the allotments regarding having smaller plots available, maintaining the boundaries and looking into having water available on site. Two vacant allotments have just been taken over in the past few months. Holkham are considering proposals and will come to the Parish Council in due course.

### MILLENNIUM PIECE

It was discussed by the Advisory Group with Holkham how best to proceed with Millennium Piece. Two surveys have been conducted of the residents. Holkham are considering any help they can assist with to lessen the cost to the Parish Council and more importantly save on the precept which affects residents.

### VILLAGE SIGN

The Parish Council are in the process of obtaining quotes for the repainting of the village sign. These should be available for the next meeting.

### SELF CONTAINED UNITS

If a unit has a kitchen and bathroom in the premises this is deemed to be a self-contained unit and will attract council tax. Therefore the unit must be registered with the Borough Council to register for council tax.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Most of the neighbouring parishes are developing neighbourhood plans which are very local-level policies that must be considered by the planners when granting new permissions. A neighbourhood plan allows a parish to have nuanced policies about development and is written by the people who know the parish best. The parish Council are discussing whether this is something for Burnham Thorpe. If you care about the future of the parish, please do let the Clerk know if anyone is interested in assisting with the neighbourhood plan. This is something that must have members of the community involved in as well as councillors. If anyone would be interested in helping develop a neighbourhood plan, please contact the Clerk.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

All Councillors will need to step down and apply again to be elected. This is a chance for any other members of the public to become a parish councillor. Application forms will be available from the Borough Council in due course. If you would like to discuss what is involved in becoming a councillor, please do contact the Clerk for more information.

## RIVER BURN

The Environment Agency has been contacted regarding levels of nitrate and phosphate being found in the River Burn via water samples being taken each month. The reasons given for this is the springs which feed the River Burn bring up nitrates through the ground. This is being monitored by the Environment Agency but is not excessively high.

## NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - HIGHWAYS

Holkham are arranging for repairs to be undertaken to Footpath 15 Creake Road side as well as replacement of the kissing gate on Footpath 10. They will also remove the stiles either side of the footbridge between Footpath 9 and Footpath 10 with accessible gates.

## OLD RAILWAY LINE TO BURNHAM MARKET

The Parish Council are trying to establish the Old Railway Line between Burnham Overy Town and Burnham Market to be a public right of way. At the present time this is not on the definitive map with Norfolk County Council. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has walked this route for a number of years could contact the Clerk for a form to be completed. Once a number of forms have been completed as evidence the Norfolk County Council will be approached. Below is a map of the route if anyone has walked this.



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.

#### **NEWSLETTERS**

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#### **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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