

# BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER December 2020

Welcome to the Burnham Thorpe Parish Council Newsletter, intended to help keep residents up to date with what is happening around the village.

### TONNANT WOOD

Holkham have explained that the Wood is now used for shooting so it is not possible to allow public access. A Holkham Estates representative attended the 23/11/20 Parish Council meeting and heard directly the concerns raised on this matter. The Parish Council will reply to Holkham's letter shortly.

### NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

A consultation on the budget by Norfolk County Council is inviting people to comment. The form can be found at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget). Residents can request a copy of the budget consultation document in other formats including a paper form by calling 0344 800 8020 or emailing [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk). Deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### THE BIODIGESTER, EGMERE

It was discussed at the meeting that many complaints have been made regarding the tractors and trailers coming through the village. The Parish Council will be writing to the Biodigester to raise the concerns. North Creake and Burnham Market Parish Councils have already written, and our County Councillor is also involved regarding highway safety.

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

There are several outstanding issues with Norfolk County Council in relation to missing finger posts, access and closure of FP9 between Creake Road and Walsingham Road, where the bridge is broken. This bridge is waiting to be repaired by Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council received reports that members of the public were told that the footpath between the Church and Burnham Overy Town railway line was closed. Norfolk County Council have not issued any notices, so this is still open. However, the bridge at Burnham Overy Town which linked the Orchard on Mill Road to the railway line has been removed. This was not a public right of way but a permissive right which has now expired.

### VILLAGE GATEWAYS

The Parish Council have made an application for a grant to help pay for highway verge white gates to be placed at the entrance to the village on Walsingham Road near Whitehall Farm. The Parish Council should know in April if the grant has been successful, and that the Parish Council would only need to pay half the cost.

### FREEBRIDGE ANNOUNCE PLANS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DURING WINTER MONTHS

Freebridge Community Housing have announced plans to provide additional support to tenants and the wider community in West Norfolk over the winter months. Activities planned for the next few months include:

- making regular welfare telephone calls to tenants over the age of 60, including daily calls, and some home visits, to our more vulnerable tenants,
- providing additional financial and welfare support,
- providing additional advice and guidance to people who have become unemployed because of the knock-on effects of coronavirus – they have taken on a number of additional employees to help do this,
- facilitating urgent temporary accommodation requests from partner organisations,

- identifying suitable empty properties for use as isolation units,
- providing support to partner organisations in respect of the supply of food parcels for those in need, *and*
- a programme of activities for young people to keep them active and entertained.

#### **BROADBAND**

Following the failure of internet access for a week in October in Burnham Thorpe, and the difficulties people had obtaining reliable information on what the problem was and when it would be fixed, the Parish Council will write to Ofcom to complain about Openreach failure to communicate effectively and delay in fixing the problem.

#### **MILLENNIUM PIECE**

The potential purchase is not now going ahead so the Parish Council will renew the lease for a further 20 years. Volunteers have come forward to help with maintaining the area, which is very much appreciated.

#### **CHRISTMAS**

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. As this year has been unprecedented and many parties cannot take place, the Parish Council wanted to do something different and offer a Zoom Party to help wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Please do join the Councillors on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm to 3.30pm. The details are as follows: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872116569?pwd=anFqQnpoMWdRb2YvWU9iRXJady9wUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7211 6569 Passcode: 830722

#### **A ROAD SAFETY, CYCLING AND WALKING STRATEGY IN OUR AREA.**

Our County Councillor, Andrew Jamieson told us a little about proposals for the above. Further details on this will be in our next Newsletter.

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **DATES**

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 18th January 2021 at 6.30pm, location or Zoom to be confirmed. Dates for the rest of 2021 are: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 24<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Public are always welcome to attend.

#### **CONTACT**

Any issues please do contact the Clerk – Sarah Raven on email: [clerkburnhamthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:clerkburnhamthorpe@gmail.com) or telephone 01328 738512 / 07788516733

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