

BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete a speed survey form. There were 55 responses received. The results are on the website and if parishioners are unable to use the internet, please ask the Clerk for a copy. The main result for lowering the speed limit in the village was yes 74.5% and no 25.5%. At the November Parish Council meeting Councillors agreed to send these results to the Norfolk County Councillor to be included in a Traffic Regulation Order for a number of local villages.

COVID COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

The Nelson Memorial Hall Committee have agreed to accept a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant Lady Dannatt, on behalf of the village. It will be presented in the New Year.

OFFSHORE WINDFARMS

It was agreed to write to the Norfolk County Councillor and our MP to highlight support with other Parish Councils regarding networking cables for the offshore windfarms. The aim is to avoid multiple on-land cable connections from individual windfarms, and to bring these connections together into a network, to significantly reduce environmental impact. A network is also likely to reduce costs overall

FINANCES

The second draft of the budget/precept was discussed and will be updated and agreed at the January meeting. The budget/precept is online or please ask for a copy from the Clerk.

MILLENNIUM PIECE

It was agreed at the meeting that a further survey should be sent to all parishioners for completion regarding the costs incurred for Millennium Piece. The survey will be sent out after the Tax Base Rate from the Borough Council is received at the end of December.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Nelson Memorial Hall committee have asked the Parish Council for support to install a defibrillator on the outside of the Hall. Councillors gave their support in principle, and more detailed information will be presented at the next meeting

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY

A working party is taking place on 11th December at 10am. All volunteers welcome. Please contact Holly Smith on 01328 730758 for more information.

HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council has written to our County Councillor, copy to our MP, expressing concern at the condition of local roads, and asking for more investment.

FLOODING & WATER QUALITY

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (a recently established multi-agency body chaired by Lord Dannatt) has published a Strategy aimed at reducing flooding. The Parish Council wrote to welcome this and also provided feedback on the document from a local perspective.

EGMERE ENERGY

The feedstock harvest was significantly less of a problem for our parish this year, and the Parish Council will continue to engage with Egmere Energy to help minimise the impact of their operations,

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting date is **Tuesday 4th January 2022**. This meeting will be held in the Nelson Memorial Hall at 6.30 pm.

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

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