

BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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

POSSIBLE SPEED REDUCTIONS & TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey either online or by paper copy. The results will be studied and placed on the website.

FUTURE BIOGAS, EGMERE

A meeting was held with Egmore Energy regarding Highways issues. Egmore Energy realises there is a need to communicate more with the communities. At present they have agreed to place restrictions of speed through villages of 15mph, will have stickers on trailers to identify their trailers being used. It is hoped that routes will be known before the season starts but this depends on whether HGV or trailers are being used. A number of requests for information has been asked of Egmore Energy but have been declined. A freedom of information request is now being placed with Ofgem to try establish the accurate records needed.

VILLAGE GATEWAY

Great news, the Parish Partnership has awarded a grant towards the village gateways for Walsingham Road, near Whitehall Farm. The final cost to the Parish Council is approximately £202 after the County Councillor, Andrew Jamieson kindly supported with his local contribution of £750. These will be installed in due course.

FLOODING AND SEWAGE

Lowes Lane is under review for flooding and Highways are waiting for the flood to clear so the drain can be cleaned out. The Borough Council have been asked to clean the road to remove any further silt and mud from blocking the drain. Highways are under considerable pressure with work and it may be a while before the drain can be sorted. The Clerk is being kept informed with regards to progress from the Highway Engineer. As well as this immediate action, a high-level group called The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance held its first meeting in mid-February. It aims to help all those involved work better together to tackle the problems, now and longer term.

MILLENNIUM PIECE

Unfortunately, due to the flooding the Fakenham Area Conservation Team have not been able to undertake any work on the Millennium Piece. This will now be rescheduled for mid-summer because of nesting birds. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the Conservation Team and the Clerk will be in touch with a date for work to start nearer the time.

RENTAL PROPERTY ON BLACKSMITH'S LANE

An update from Holkham to say that the properties are about 6-8 weeks away from completion with the windows being installed soon. Holkham are in the process of marketing information and will be sent out on their mailing list within the next couple of weeks to gain interest.

COMMON LAND CL84

Parishioners might not be aware that there is common land close to the Manor and Church in the parish where the public can walk. If parishioners would like to know more about the position of the common land, please contact the Clerk for a map.

TOURIST SURVEY

The survey is part of the Norfolk County Council [EXPERIENCE](#) project and is about summer and winter tourism. It will be carried out every six months over the next 2-3 years.

Take part here: https://surreyfbel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQoQxu2MzFR2Pyu

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 of the minutes or other documents, then please do contact the Clerk. Most letters received are on the website under the Agenda tab however, not all letters can be placed on the website. If there is specific correspondence that parishioners would like to see please do contact the Clerk.

DATES

The next parish council meeting will be on **Monday 24th May 2021 at 6.30pm**, this will be either on Zoom or in the Village Hall depending on the Covid regulations.

Dates for the rest of 2021 are: 19th July, 20th September, 22nd November 2021. Public are always welcome to attend.

CONTACT

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

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