

BURNHAM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held **at 6 pm on Monday 20th May 2024** followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 6.30 pm in the Nelson Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

FLOODING AND SEWAGE PROBLEMS

The Parish Council are having ongoing meetings with Anglian Water regarding the overflowing sewage on Walsingham Road. The Area Manager Victoria Crerand will hopefully be at the May meeting to explain regarding the infrastructure and infiltration of ground water into the sewage system.

Anglian Water have given the following Statement:

“The problems we're seeing in Burnham Thorpe are being caused by rainwater and groundwater overwhelming the system, rather than a specific problem with the network itself which is operating to its full capacity. Our sewers are designed to take away the waste from homes and businesses, but the nature of what they are there to do, means they are not sealed systems, and excess rainwater or groundwater can infiltrate into them during prolonged or extreme wet weather. Even as we start to see more favourable weather, we are still experiencing problems as groundwater levels remain high. This means that while our network is operating the best it can, there's much less room for the sewage and this can cause problems with overflowing manholes as well as with flushing toilets, using showers and washing machines, particularly if they are downstairs.

Our teams are continuing to work very hard to manage the situation and to keep the network operating as well as it can. They are continually checking our pipes and pumps as well as clearing blockages to keep drains clear. We are also tankering in Burnham Thorpe to take away some of the groundwater to prevent pollution and create capacity in the sewer network.

Tankering is, however, only a short term solution to a complicated problem which is wider than our pipes and includes the whole drainage network of groundwater, rivers and drains. We are, therefore, committed to working with other agencies to remove the impact of surface water, groundwater and flooding on our network for the longer term to prevent it causing problems for customers and the environment. As part of this, we have already set up a multi-agency engineering cell to help address the issues we are seeing in the Burnham Thorpe area.”

YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

We are dependent on villagers to get involved and assist with the management and administration of the village. Your current council is formed from a number of loyal and long standing members, however we need more people to get involved!

There are still two vacant seats on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested and qualifies to stand as a parish councillor, please contact the Clerk for an application form or this can be downloaded from the website. Please do contact the Clerk for an informal chat about the process or being a Councillor.

BOLLARDS AT LOWES LANE/WALSINGHAM ROAD JUNCTION

The Parish Council are liaising with Highways regarding an extension of the footpath around the property of The Old Post Office. Once Highways have costed this the Parish Council can decide whether this is financially achievable.

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.

Further information, including all previous Newsletters, are on the website for Burnham Thorpe Parish Council: www.burnhamthorpepc.info