

Chairman's Report: Horningtoft Annual Parish Meeting May 17th 2023

Planning.

- **Sycamore Cottage:** Discharge of condition no.4 regarding tree protection order.
- **Oakdene, Whissonsett Road:** Lawful development certificate for existing rear single storey extension - granted.
- **Barracouta, Fakenham Rd –** Proposed change of use of workshop to dwelling – decision awaited.
- **Travellers' Site, Back Lane, Stanfield –** Illegal waste disposal has been stopped by the Environment Agency Crime Team. Also the change of use of this agricultural and brownfield land to residential caravan use has been refused.

Highways

- **Grips/soakaways:** Parish Council complained last year to Norfolk County Council that the maintenance of grips/soakaways was very poor and in many cases resulted in blocked ditches. Unfortunately this continues.
- **Proposed speed limit:** Residents, especially those along the Fakenham Road have asked for a speed limit to be put in place on the B1146. County Councillor Mark Kiddle – Morris has been asked to talk to Highways about this.

Finance

- Councillors decided to keep the precept at £1950 for 2023 -2024.

General

- Defibrillator training was carried out on 2nd November with 16 parishioners attending. Guidance leaflets for using the defibrillator were then distributed via the Parish Magazine.
- The September meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled due to the Queen's death and the village was also saddened by the death last October of Peter Greenwood, a long time stalwart of the village, Parish Council and Church.
- Dog fouling: In response to concerns about an increase in dog fouling particularly in two areas of the village, the Parish Clerk obtained signs reminding folk to clear up after their dogs. These were erected by two members of the Council. Since then matters seem to have improved.
- The Clerk has been approached by Norfolk County Council for evidence that Dodman's Lane is used by the public as a byway. She has replied with various examples of its usage as such.
- Thank you to Ivan Baker for his time as a Parish Councillor and we welcome Simon Hibberd as his replacement.

Finally many thanks to all the villagers and friends who have helped during the course of the year and to the councillors for their attendance and support at meetings.

It was good to see so many people at the Coronation and thank you to Councillor Chapman for her efforts on the day and obtaining commemorative mugs.

Likewise thanks to County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris and District Councillor Robert Hambidge for their help and support.

Lastly sincere thanks to our Parish Clerk Donna Secker for all her hard work.