

## **Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 25/05/2021**

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting, yet again another busy year for your Councillors not only dealing with the day to day issues as they arise but also more concerning issues relating to planning matters which will shape the future of our village. As promised at the Public Forums held in this hall the Parish Council stated that we would continue to ensure to the best of our ability that in any future developments there would be a greater number of affordable homes.

### **B1111 40mph**

We have worked with our County Councillor, Norfolk Highways Dept and Roudham & Larling Parish Council to get a 40mph speed limit between the whisky distillery and our Parish boundary by the river bridges. Hopefully this will make the footpath used by pedestrians and cyclists safer and prevent further accidents on what we all know as bendy bridge. Highways are working on this and it should be in place shortly

### **Speed Watch.**

Again, our Community speed watch continues to be a success in not only slowing the traffic but also catching a considerable number who have no regard for speed limits of any kind We are always looking for volunteers to help us to carry on this vital role. My thanks to Tony Long for organising the weekly monitoring and to the volunteers who turn out when called on to assist.

### **Street Lights**

We continue to replace lights which become irreparable with LED fittings, which are more efficient and help to reduce our carbon footprint

### **Peppers Footpath.**

During the year you will all have seen the creation of the Community Garden. This was made possible by the Harling Town Lands Estate Trust purchasing the driveway and land securing access to the Poplars children's play area and is now on lease to the Parish Council and I would like to thank Councillor Liz Mould and her ever growing team of volunteers for creating a wonderful area for all to enjoy.

### **Skate Park**

Work continues to improve the Skate Park area for children's play on the Recreation Ground and a plan is now in place to have a track painted on the

new surface of the Snetterton 300 race track and MSV Snetterton have kindly offered to cover the cost of this work. This alongside the play equipment will make a more interesting area for the children to enjoy and of course the gym equipment for the adults.

### **COVID19 Help Line**

This has been a huge success. And between March 2020 and April 2021 we have taken calls and assisted Parishioners 422 times and I would like to thank Parish Council members and the volunteers who have made this a success for residents with difficulties during the pandemic.

I would like now to place on record my thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for their commitment and support and time they have given again this year. for the Parish.

My thanks to DC William Nunn for his support and advice on Breckland matters. Our CC Steven Askew for support at County. Our two Groundsmen Brett Allen and Rod Plumb for keeping so many of the areas of the village up to a very high standard. .And of course, not forgetting our Parish Clerk Kate who during this year has managed to keep the Parish Council functioning correctly with virtual meetings, and phone calls, and despite being a difficult time for her personally has managed to keep us up to date and with advice when needed. daily and sometimes hourly. As a Parish Council we are privileged and proud to have Kate as our Clerk with her commitment not only to the Parish Council but also for the entire village that we all enjoy.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for allowing me to serve as their Chairman for the past year.

Philip Edge

Chairman

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