



Village
Pride Day
7th April

Village
Gateways
Coming Soon

Keep
Pavements
Clear for
Pedestrians

‘Improving Our Village’

As most of you are already aware the primary focus of the Parish Council over the last 12 months has been to continue to address the Traffic problems affecting our village, both in terms of speed, scale and volume of vehicles, as well as providing ‘Village Gateways’ to denote the Village boundaries and slow traffic as it enters the Village, updates on this topic have been pretty

comprehensive and are covered in detail once again within this publication.



We have also endeavoured to make other improvements that will hopefully offer benefits to residents from both a practical and visual perspective. The Telephone

Box has been restored to its former glory, the area around The Village Well has been tidied thus improving access and making the area more visually attractive. The small benches at either end of the Village have been repaired and new wooden slats have been put in place, the Bus Shelter & the area around it have cleared and tidied. Plans for 2018 include, repairs to the Village Sign with provision of a new Oak Post to support it and the repointing of the brick plinth, a number of our road signs are becoming a little wobbly and scruffy they also require new posts to support them, this task also falls to the Parish Council and will be addressed in the Spring. A number of the larger trees sited on land that is the responsibility of the Council are in need of pruning and will be addressed this year.

We are keen to know if the projects we are pursuing meet with your approval and would welcome your feedback either by letter or e-mail to Felthorpe Parish Council. We would also welcome any suggestions you might have for ways we can further ‘Improve Our Village’.

Traffic Petition Results

Thank you all for your responses to the petition. The information was collated and the petitions were sent to Norfolk County Council for consideration.

On 11th July 2017 the petition was presented to Norfolk County Councillor Mr Martin Wilby after a presentation by the Parish Council. Thank you everyone who attended the meeting, it was one of the most well supported we have seen in the village for some time, and served to highlight the concern residents have about traffic coming through the village.

The initial response to the petition from Highways was somewhat disappointing. Highways stated that no decision would be made until the whole of the NNDR had been opened and traffic counts had been completed in October 2018.

The Parish Council took the matter to appeal via County Councillor Tony Adams and following a meeting with him, the Parish Council and Highways in early December 2017, it was agreed that Highways would look at the traffic flow through The Street and installed a traffic count in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2017. A further meeting is planned to look at the results of this data with a view to a possible HGV restriction along The Street ahead of the whole of the NDR being opened. The Parish Council are still pressing for the Access Only restriction in Brands Lane, Bilney Lane and Church Lane but as yet Highways are not considering looking at this again until October 2018 after the opening of the whole of the NDR. We will update you as and when we have more information.

Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP)

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) produced by Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council working together with Norfolk County Council through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), has been published for public consultation which ends **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

The GNLP can be viewed online at:

<http://www.gnlp.org.uk>.

The GNLP sets out the vision for Greater Norwich to 2036 and addresses housing (additional 43,000), infrastructure, employment (45,000 new jobs), communities and environment.



Whilst Felthorpe is unlikely to be impacted directly by the proposals, such as new housing, indirectly, increased traffic, demand for local services such as schools, doctors, dentists unless specifically addressed will affect us all. Have your say on the proposals <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/have-your-say>.

Overgrown Hedges and Shrubs



Within the village there are overgrown hedges and shrubs that are spreading and overhanging the footpaths, pavements and roads, not only do these look unsightly but can be dangerous to both public and traffic. The Parish Council asks

you all to look at your hedges/shrubs and trees and if they are overgrowing, to kindly trim them back to your side of your boundary.

Legislation requires: A resident/occupier or owner of property or land that is adjacent to any highway, road or footpath to which the public has access to bears the responsibility to maintain any tree/ shrub or hedge that endangers/ overhangs or obstructs or interferes with any highway, other road or footpath. This can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66/section/154> together with the actions that can be taken by Broadland Council.

Parish Partnership Bid Update

The Parish Partnership Scheme is a Norfolk County Council program whereby by Parish Councils bid for funds to improve Highways related projects. If successful, costs are split 50:50 between NCC and the Parish Council.

Last year we were partially successful in our bid to implement further improvements. We succeeded in obtaining funding towards the 'Gateways' to be installed at three entries into the village. These should hopefully be in place before the end of March. Included in our bid was a third narrowing situated between Hall Lane and Bilney Lane which many of you requested. Highways wanted to see the impact the NDR would have on through traffic late in October 2018 before they would commit to this.

NEXT STEPS...

In November last year, we applied for Parish Partnership Funding towards 2 SAM (Speed Awareness Message) cameras. These cameras flash up your speed and if in excess of the speed limit tells you to slow down. The type we have bid for will record, speed, direction of travel, time and date to support further actions. These will be situated at various locations in Bilney Lane, Taverham Road and The Street with the hope that these will educate drivers to respect the speed limit in our Village.

Felthorpe Parish Council

Felthorpe Parish Council meets at 8:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Felthorpe Pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend and time is given for all to bring their ideas, concerns, recommendations etc., to the council.

Agenda and minutes are posted on our website:

<http://www.felthorpeparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

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