

Felthorpe Parish Council Newsletter

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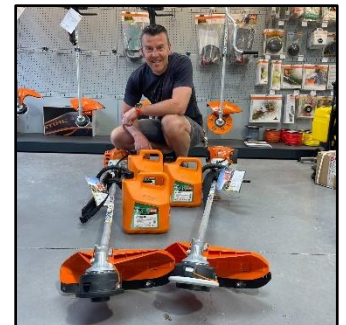
The precept is the Local Council's share of Council Tax required to meet their budgeting requirements to invest in the community (e.g. open spaces, cemeteries, projects). Each Town & Parish Council must budget, forecast, set and approve their required precept for the following financial year, to be received by their Borough or District Council. At its December meeting the Parish Council considered the budget for 2025/2026. In view of the importance of the Pavilion and recreation ground to the village we agreed to build in an additional grant to support the Pavilion Committee with their expensive grounds' maintenance

costs. We felt that this was an expense that all parishioners would approve of. The good news is, because of careful financial management over the last few years, the parish precept will remain the same and so will not cost parishioners a penny more on your Council tax bill this year

Focus on Felthorpe

Jason Wright is the co-owner of Felthorpe Lawnmower Services with his business partner Joe Large.

Jason's Grandfather moved into Felthorpe over 60 years ago and the family have lived in the village ever since. Jason's father and Joe Large started the family garden machinery business in 1985. Jason says that Felthorpe is a good location to run a business and has been made more accessible since the building of the Northern Distributor Road. Jason still lives in Felthorpe with his wife and son. Jason is impressed with the improvements the District Council are making to Broadland Country Park, the "Magic Woods". He loves running through the woods surrounding Felthorpe and he also helps Neil Featherby organise the hazardous Boxing Day Hare and Hounds cross-country run. The run, which started in 2002, raises funds for charities which include St Margaret's Church. Jason's mother moved into the village when she married. She loved how friendly Felthorpe was and hopes the newcomers to the village will get involved in, and promote community life. She is very active in village life, cycling the country routes, attending the monthly soup lunch at the Pavilion to catch up with friends from the village and visiting St Margaret's Church.



Village Pride Litter Pick-Date for your diary

Following on from the success of the previous annual litter picks the Parish Council is organising another in Spring 2025.

Please meet us at **Felthorpe Pavilion at 10am on Sunday 27th April 2025.**

We will provide litter pickers and bags.

Parish Council Meetings

8pm the Pavilion

2025 meeting dates:

4 February

6 May

1 July

2 September

4 November

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Parish Councillors:

Meet Andrea Elsdon-Gotts one of your parish councillors.

Andrea has responsibility for communication and for GDPR on the parish council. She produces the Parish Council Newsletter on a quarterly basis and moderates the Parish Council Facebook page. Andrea moved from Suffolk to Norfolk in 1987 and settled in Felthorpe in 2007. In 1991 Andrea was a Health Visitor based at Drayton and St Faith's Medical Practice, she worked in Felthorpe and ran a baby clinic at the old Felthorpe Village Hall. She retired in 2016 and now enjoys a quiet life walking her dogs around Felthorpe Woods and doing voluntary work.

Andrea enjoys being involved with the Parish Council and would encourage new people join and get involved in their local community.



Felthorpe Issues: Dog fouling on neighbours' front gardens



Following the article in the previous edition of the Parish Council Newsletter, we have been asked to remind dog owners to dissuade their dogs from relieving themselves on their neighbours' front gardens. This is extremely unpleasant and anti-social.

It is an offence for a person in control of a dog not to clear up the dog mess immediately, on any land that is open to the air and to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

Offenders in Broadland are subject to a fixed penalty notice of £100, reduced to £80 if paid within 10 days, or if taken to court, a fine up to £1,000. If you see someone allowing their dog to foul and not clear it up, and if you know the owner's details you can report this using the link:

<https://forms.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/pub/StreetCleansing.ofml>

Felthorpe Parish Council have supplied dog bins at sites frequented by dog walkers including: the recreation ground, on Mill Lane, Church Lane and opposite St Margaret's church. The Parish Council pay Broadland District Council to empty the dog bins on a regular basis.

Casual vacancies to join your Parish Council

Have you lived in Felthorpe for a long time or are you a new resident? We currently have two casual vacancies for parish councillors and we would welcome your opinions and support. If this is something you would be interested in, please take a look at the information video that District Council have produced <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3ozlo-Byls> The Broadland video explains why it is so important that YOU get involved in your local community, and what you can contribute to your local area.

The commitment is minimal. We meet 5/6 times per year usually on the first Tuesday of every month between 8-9 pm at the Pavilion. Outside of that you will probably commit to another hour or so per month, depending on your areas of interest and expertise.

Did you know:

Felthorpe Mill took its water from a beck which originated on the Haverlingland Hall estate. The ground floor of the mill was built of brick and the upper two floors were weatherboard with a Norfolk pantiled roof. The main axle was 1 foot 9 inches in diameter and it supported a breastshot wheel 20 feet in diameter and 4 feet 6 inches wide that drove 3 pairs of stones. By 1883 water power was being supplemented by a steam engine.