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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except August). The Planning and Environment Committee is held on the first Wednesday and Full Council on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to join these meetings (details on website).

There are also additional groups that provide advice to Council—the Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group and the Finance Advisory Group.

#### The Parish Matters

*Precept 2023/4.* For two years, Cringleford Parish Council has not increased the precept. Like everyone else, our costs have increased dramatically over the last year, especially for energy. Consequently, Council agreed at its January meeting to increase the precept by 5% for next year (15p per week for a Band D property). However, we have managed to keep the increase well below inflation by dipping into our reserves.

*Voter ID.* The Government will introduce photographic identification at elections when you go to vote at the forthcoming local elections in May. For the latest information you can visit The Electoral Commission website: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id

Be alert to scams. Norfolk Couny Council is raising awareness about consumer scams. They now have a dedicated website where you can check information you may receive by email, text or social media to see whether it is a scam. Go to: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/consumer-alerts

Delayed parking scheme. We were informed just before Christmas that the Colney Lane/Intwood Road parking schemes cannot be put in place until March at the earliest due to extended contract negotiations.

Planning approval for new community centre. We are delighted to let you know that we have obtained planning consent for The Jubilee Centre. Over the next few months we will be appointing contractors with a view to starting the build this summer.

Newfound Orchard is in place. On a very frosty day in early December, volunteers from The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) joined Parish Council Chair and grounds staff to plant 70 fruit trees on Cringleford Heights. Although currently in the middle of a building site, the trees will form part of Newfound Orchard and Allotments public space. The supply of beverages and hot bacon rolls, courtesy of BDWH, kept everyone going for the day until all the trees were planted.

The next day, more than 10 volunteers from the TCV helped the Council start the Lobelia Lane Jubilee Garden by planting 12 Holm oaks and beech hedging along the boundary.

# Update on new developments

St Giles Park (from Big Sky). UKPN are still on site diverting underground cabling close to the site boundary with the A47 southern bypass for the proposed A11/A47/ Thickthorn junction National Highways scheme. However, the start of the roadworks has been delayed due a legal challenge. Remedial works to the planting



Newfound orchard fruit trees in place

on the open space areas that suffered because of last year's exceptionally dry summer will be carried out over the next couple of months. The road



The Jubilee Garden takes shape

from St Giles Park connecting to Cantley Lane, close to the junction with Brettingham Avenue, is now open to traffic. Works to the section of the A11 from the Thickthorn roundabout and including the Roundhouse roundabout are currently planned to start before Easter and are due to complete by the end of August.

*Newfound (from BDWH).* Final surfacing works for the new roundabout on Colney Lane are due to commence on or shortly after 14<sup>th</sup> February. This will require one night time and four day time closures. Warning boards notifying these closures will be erected nearer the time in advance of the works.

## **Useful Contacts and Information**

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## **The Willow Centre**

- clothing and shoe bank is in the car park
- Norwich Foodbank drop-offs to donate non-perishable food, drink or toiletries
- battery collection point is open
- book swap in the bistro area is operating

Holding a one-off event, a



regular class or sports
match?
Contact us to see if we
have space in The Willow
Centre or the Pavilion