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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except August). Full Council is held on the second Thursday and the Planning and Environment Committee on the first 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

*Green notes.* Over the past few years, we have received several requests for fencing around the playground on Willowcroft Way, next to The Willow Centre pitch, to help keep children safe in a secure area whilst playing. We have now been successful in a grant application to our County Councillor, David Bills, for the installation of hedging all around this area with an access gate. The varieties of hedging plants have been chosen especially to be appealing to wildlife and help nature thrive locally, as well as being more attractive than a traditional fence. We hope that this will be installed by the end of November. Our tree warden will also be planting more trees this winter season. He is planning to organise another phase of planting, in conjunction with two classes of pupils from the school. The school is most enthusiastic as this practical activity supplements the pupils' Conservation and Climate Change studies. Most of the species to be planted will be native and include oak, beech, chestnut and rowan. In addition, the schoolchildren will be collecting native tree seeds from around the area to plant a Tree Nursery within the school grounds.



*Trees planted by Owls and Puffins classes from Cringleford Primary School in 2018*

*St Giles pavilion.* Since the summer we have moved forward with our recreational plans at St Giles Park. Drainage for the areas to be laid out as new football pitches has now been installed and we are working with the football clubs in Cringleford to make sure the layout of pitches across the Parish is coordinated within the spaces we have available. We have also been able to demonstrate, following work with The Sports Consultancy, that there is demand for additional facilities located at the pavilion being proposed by the developer, Big Sky. As a result we shall now be working on a long-term business case to ensure they are viable. Working with Big Sky, we will also be starting designs for a suitable building, including a sports hall

the size of two badminton courts. We hope to be able to publish some of these designs in the next newsletter.

## Parking Scheme crawls forward

The delegated report on the parking schemes for the areas around Intwood Road and Colney Lane has been prepared by Norfolk County Council (NCC) officers and is almost ready for approval. Extra timed parking bays have now been proposed for the shops on Intwood Road. However, the approval of the report will not necessarily mean that these bays can go ahead as it will refer to the scheme that was advertised in February. The additional bays along Intwood Road will require further consultation which we hope will not cause additional delays.

## What your Parish Council does

Parish Councils are contacted, mainly by their parishioners, for a huge variety of matters. A day in our Parish Clerk's life can go from the routine – carrying out a playground inspection, or checking out a tree that has been reported as looking dangerous, to the bizarre – receiving a phone call about a possible hand in a litter bin (it wasn't thankfully!), or explaining we can't help track down a childhood friend from the 1940's who lived in a nearby village!

We receive many reports that we are happy to forward on for you. However, if you deal with them yourselves you will receive direct updates on the matter. For example, hedges and trees that are overgrown by roads and paths and are causing an obstacle can be reported straight to NCC on their Highways report form – you'll find the web address on the back of this newsletter. You can report potholes, traffic light problems and flooding issues on the same form. We take calls about items for which South Norfolk Council are responsible, such as missed wheelie bin collections, planning application queries, or loud neighbours. You can contact them directly about any of their services on this webpage: <https://forms.south-norfolk.gov.uk/councilforms/GeneralEnquiry/Category>.

So what *do* we do? We carry out grounds maintenance across the Parish.

The majority of “open spaces” (and the trees on them) are owned by us. Verges and their trees are owned by NCC, but we maintain the verges not the trees on their behalf – confusing isn’t it! We own five playgrounds, with several more to come on St Giles and Cringleford Heights. We run the Pavilion on Oakfields Road and The Willow Centre on Willowcroft Way. Don’t forget, these are now fully open for bookings.



*The newly refurbished Pavilion hall*

We also respond to planning applications and emphasise the Parish’s needs and views. This includes trying to work closely with developers of large estates to make the plans work for Cringleford as a whole. For example, by working with the current developers, we have managed to secure a much-needed allotment site and two orchards. We have also fought to ensure that all of the new developments have streetlights, as this isn’t required by law. Speaking of which, we own and maintain a lot of the streetlights in the Parish, so please let us know if you spot any issues with them.

Something else that we are responsible for is the Parish’s finances. We raise money through the Parish Precept (which is paid by Parishioners as part of their Council Tax) and through hiring out our facilities. Every year we hold several meetings where our Finance Advisory Group work on the budget for the next year, making sure that we have covered our routine costs such as maintenance of buildings, playgrounds and trees, and any necessary additional items. In recent years we have paid towards road safety improvements around the Parish, paid towards additional bus stops, and carried out a streetlight replacement programme to convert them to using more environmentally friendly LED bulbs. Our budget is formally set at the January Council meeting each year and Parishioners are welcome to attend and ask questions. We also welcome any suggestions for improvements or additions that you feel would benefit the Parish, so that we can look at their feasibility and then programme them into future budgets.

We have a small annual grant pot for local organisations – this year’s has just been donated to the Patteson Room to help them replace their new

roof, so the annual amount will be available again from April. We also receive a Community Infrastructure Levy (a fund to relief pressure on infrastructure from new developments) and a Section 106 fund from developers (to help maintain and improve estates). These are calculated according to the number of new houses being built and the size of the open spaces that we will adopt as part of these developments. We have been busy consulting our community recently on what you would like to see this spent on and received

some great suggestions. We are currently looking at enlarging the pavilion at St Giles (see 'Parish Matters'), a pump track for biking, and a fragrant 'quiet' garden.

The Parish Council has a series of committees and groups (see diagram) and we



*Committees (decision-making) and groups*

hold regular meetings that Parishioners are welcome to attend. Council normally meets on the second Thursday of the month, and the Planning Committee on the first Wednesday of the month. Both of these are statutory decision-making committees held in public. The other groups meet as and when necessary and some are ephemeral 'task and finish' groups, e.g. the Road Strategy Group. We would love to see you at our public meetings if you are interested in finding out more about what we do or, if you wish to join us, we have a vacancy for a councillor at the moment.

### Our new Beat Manager introduces himself

My name is Stuart Barnard and I joined the Police in 2001, stationed at Great Yarmouth Police station. I spent five years on the front line learning my trade before moving into our Learning and Development unit whereby I assessed student officers against their Policing qualification. I also became a PST (Personal Safety



Training) instructor and First Aid trainer. During my time in Training I was successful in passing my sergeants exam. I transferred to Thetford Response and then finally to South Norfolk Response about ten years ago where I remain today. After time on the front line I gained my position as a Beat Manager for Costessey beat area before transferring over to the Hethersett, Mulbarton and Cringleford Beat area. Throughout my years within the constabulary I have gained many skills including becoming a Tutor Constable, an A1 assessor, a Licenced Search Officer, Emergency Response Driver (including Pursuit Capabilities and Taser Equipped), among other skills picked up across the years.

The role of a Beat Manager is a position I very much enjoy. There is no better feeling than problem solving a long standing issue and making things that much smoother for everyone involved. I enjoy working with other agencies to achieve the best outcome in any situation which may arise.

I have been married for 12 years, have a 10 year old boy and live in South Norfolk after initially living in Hampshire where I was brought up on the Isle of Wight. My intentions are to remain in this role and look forward to meeting as many members as possible of the community I serve.

## Signs of safety

You may notice as you walk or drive around the Parish a couple of new devices on our lamp posts. These are Speed Awareness Mobile signs (SAM2s) and form part of our Road Safety Strategy . They will flash up a driver's actual speed as they go by, letting them know if they are in excess of the speed limit. We have received two of these, splitting the cost with Norfolk County Council (NCC) under their Parish Partnership Scheme. They will provide us with information, such as the speed and volume of traffic, that will be very helpful in building a case for enhanced road safety improvements in areas where you feel there is a problem. Initially the cameras will be located at nine known trouble spots in the Parish, residing a month at each one. If you have any suggestions for other areas then please let us know, and we will check them out with NCC, who have the final say on locations. For the first month one of the cameras is on Dragonfly Lane, to remind drivers of the importance of their speed when driving towards the

School. The other is on Intwood Road, near Brettingham Avenue – an area about which we receive many calls. There is no footpath along this road and pedestrians report that cars often speed past breaking the speed limit . If these cameras establish that is the case then we will approach NCC again for assistance with traffic calming measures.

### Update on new developments

*Newfound Farm.* BDW Homes have informed us that they will start ground improvements works again, i.e. piledriving, starting in October until Christmas.

*St Giles Park* (information supplied by Big Sky). Big Sky Living’s Development at St Giles Park for 350 homes continues apace. The first phase of houses comprising 60 homes is nearing completion with the majority already occupied or reserved. The second and third phases of a further 77 homes are progressing well with the first units due to be handed over in the next few weeks. The fourth phase of a further 34 homes has just started on site with these homes due to be ready from July onwards next year. These three phases will deliver 69 affordable homes. Despite the recent removal of Stamp Duty savings, our estate agent continues to report strong interest.

Offsite highway works on Cantley Lane close to the junction with Brettingham Avenue have now been completed and it is the intention that the access to St Giles Park from Cantley Lane will be opened to general traffic before the end of the year. The structural landscaping is now becoming well established and a programme of replacing failed trees and plants will be carried out over the next planting season. The playing field area has been seeded and the grass sward will continue to improve over the coming months and will need to be well established before they can be opened for use.



*The SAM2 signs on Dragonfly Lane (top) and Intwood Road (bottom)*

# Useful Contacts and Information

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**Road works information** [one.network/](http://one.network/)

**Highways reporting form** (potholes, overhanging trees, etc.)  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem)



## 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 at present

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 refurbished Pavilion