

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report October 2022

We were fortunate to have Dulcie Walsh, NNDC Energy Officer, talk to us about the Warm Homes Grant. This provides insulation and low carbon heating to those on incomes below £30,000. There are other grants available for those ineligible for a Warm Homes Grant; the NNDC Energy Officer on 01263516177 will be happy to help you.

We're delighted so many of you are now attending Parish Council meetings. We will try the PA system again next meeting to make it easier for you to hear.

It has been pointed out that there are about 100 refuse and recycling bins out and about the village not where they should be. They can be hazardous when they blow over on a road, and cumulatively detract from our beautiful village. This has been ongoing a while.

The instructions from NNDC are that bins should be put out on a property's curtilage no earlier than 7pm the evening before collection day, and no later than 7 am on the day of. NNDC has the power to enforce this. The Parish Council asks that parishioners put their bins out only overnight at most. This applies to second homes and holiday lets: now collection day is Friday it should be easier to manage as that is a popular handover day.

Still on the subject of bins, I sincerely hope by the time you read this any 'teething problems' with the changeover to Fridays have been resolved. If you're still having issues with missed bins, wrong day collections etc, please get in touch with me, not Serco customer service.

Some of our beautiful lye walls are looking slightly the worse for wear. Given these are part of our rich heritage, it would be wonderful if they received a little TLC. Maintenance is far preferable to rebuilding. We will look to see if any grants are available.

High Street residents have requested to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the traffic management plan from Highways which we shared with you on our website. As before, there are various points of view. A wider consultation with village residents will follow.

A new bench will be installed on the West Bank by NWT. We know this is a favourite spot for many of you, so I hope it gives great pleasure.

Wild camping is not allowed in North Norfolk. Most campervan users are very responsible, but campervan overnight parking can lead to degradation of our most sensitive landscapes. We will be putting up NNDC sponsored signs along the Beach Road which say campervan overnight parking is not permitted.

NNDC are undertaking a Planning Service Improvement Review and are asking for feedback on customer experience via a questionnaire. The public consultation starts 1st November and will be advertised through social media, the Outlook Magazine and NNDC's website. Paper copies can be obtained by visiting the Council offices or calling customer services who will post one out. This your opportunity to let the Planning Department know your views on their performance.

There are elections for both Parish and District Councillors next May. Re the Parish Council, if you want to discuss the role further, want to know more about the process of election, or are interested in standing as a parish councillor, please get in touch with the clerk on clerk.cley@gmail.com. If you're interested in standing as a District Councillor, please get in touch with Emma Denny at NNDC (emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk)

We're delighted that 9 Old Womans' Lane will remain in the existing housing stock of Flagship homes and will be relet.

During the hot dry summer when we had some nearby wildfires, we discussed the need for fire awareness with the Fire Service. They suggested we put together a resilience plan with important numbers and a list of 'neighbourhood doorknockers' who could ensure nearby houses were ok in any emergency situation. We're putting together a glow in the dark list of emergency numbers for residents, and were wondering if anyone would be prepared to come forward as a neighbourhood door knocker. If you would like to do this, please give your details to the clerk (clerk.cley@gmail.com).

We have experienced a lot of unplanned power cuts recently. To limit the number going forward, UKPowerNetworks will be undertaking a tree trimming programme to clear the extensive backlog of tree branches which are interfering with our power cables. This requires planned power cuts as they do this work, which I appreciate is an inconvenience, but you will be informed by a letter which at least gives you the chance to fill a thermos and dig out your gas camping stove. I am told this will reduce unplanned outages; let's hope this is the case.

There has been a great deal of discussion about late night events at Barn Drift. We have asked that events end at midnight as there have been some occasions of noise disturbance way into the early hours.

The next meeting is Thursday November 10th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.clevpc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the clerk). Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

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