

SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

This month, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who read my article last month and contacted West Norfolk Befriending. Anna the operations manager has been in touch to say that from my article someone is going to nominate them for a donation, and they have had an invitation to give a talk as a result of it. All very positive and will help the community in which we live.

I would also like to welcome Revd Peter Farquhar to the Parish Council. Following the formal process, Pete was coopted onto the Parish Council in June. We are delighted he has decided to join us and look forward to benefiting from his skills, experience, and enthusiasm for serving our community. Parish councillors play an important role in helping to shape local services and initiatives, ensuring that residents' views are heard and represented. We wish Pete every success in his new role and thank him for stepping forward to support the parish.

If anyone is thinking about becoming a Parish Councillor, we currently have two vacancies, if you would like to learn more, please either pop in to see me or send me an email, we would love to hear from you.

As always, the Parish Council has ongoing projects, the Village Hall heating is complete, we just need to box in the pipework before the winter. We are looking into purchasing some more road planings for the track across the village Green, when the dredging work took place, some of the old planings were squashed into the ground or scraped away. And we are going to replace all the wooden benches in the Cemetery. I have been in contact with the families who donated the benches, as many are in need of restoration. To guarantee their longevity, we have permission to replace them with recycled plastic material benches, similar to the new bench we positioned along Common Lane. These benches provide a comfortable place for visitors to sit, reflect, and spend time in peaceful surroundings while visiting loved ones. The cemetery is an important community space, and the replacement of these benches' forms part of the Parish Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining the site to a high standard and ensuring it remains a welcoming and respectful environment for all visitors.

Planning continues to be constant, with applications coming through for extensions, new builds and variations of conditions for the large developments we have within the village. One contentious application was for Castle Rising Road, where the applicant wanted to place three new dwellings in the back garden. One coming out onto Castle Rising Road, and the two coming out via Ebble Close. Residents of Ebble Close objected to these proposals, as did the Parish Council, and as of the date I am writing this article, the application has been withdrawn. I believe, this application even made print in the Eastern Daily Press.

After the Norfolk County Council Elections, we now have a new County Councillor for our area, her name is Jacqueline Fry and she can be contacted via email at jacqueline.fry.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk Jackie has been asked to see if she can help get the Street Lighting turned back on along Edward Benefer Way. NCC turned the lights off, between the Audi Garage, right up to and just beyond the Fire Station, now during the darker months, this area is pitch dark for walkers and cyclist entering and leaving the North Lynn Industrial Estate. As a cycle path, and a main walking route into the Industrial Estate, it is felt that this is very dangerous.

Wootton Park winners for:

April	May
1 st D Gotts	J Blood
2 nd K Taylor	I Mason
3 rd R Williamson	Z Kentzer
4 th T Fysh	M Pollard
5 th M Sturgeon	J Willey

The South Wootton in Bloom Team are also looking for new members to help out with planting etc around the village. A project they are taking on is the planting of the new roundabout at Castle Reach. We all look forward to seeing this area transformed into a beautiful entrance to the village. If you are interested in joining, please contact me and I can pass on the details of the Chairman.

The Parish Office at 24 Church Lane, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, PE30 3LJ, is open to the public between 9am and 11am on each weekday morning except Wednesdays. You can leave messages on the answer phone by calling 01553 824355 or you can email us. Moira or I will respond as soon as we can.

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