

Barnham Broom Parish Council

Annual Report 2014

Firstly I would like to say how sadden we were to learn of the death of Ron Tyrrell at the end of last year. Ron was a parish councillor for many years and a trustee of the Fenland Trust. He and his late wife also contributed lots of time and support to various activities within the village. He will be sadly missed.

During this, my first full year as Chairman, we have dealt with and looked into various issues concerning our village. I have listed some you may be interested in:

At our recent AGM reports were given from the local community groups. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who run these groups who provide an essential service to the village.

Change of Councillors – During last year 3 councillors resigned, Jess Austin, Steve Edwards and Eddie Land. We welcomed 3 new councillors Carey-Anne Waldron, Phil Garrard and Sandy Nicholson.

Outline Planning for Bell Road – Outline planning was given for the construction of 24 dwellings on land south of Mill View, Bell Road, Barnham Broom on the 29 April 2014. This followed a public meeting held in July 2013, when the general consensus of residents was to approve in principal building of new dwellings and the site. However the Parish Council were concerned with the size of the development and registered their views with the South Norfolk Planning Officer. Planning application was then given but with a reduction in the number of dwellings from 33 to 24, including 8 affordable houses.

Budget – Barnham Broom Parish Council were over their budget by £2,000 for 2013/2014. This was due to a payment of £2,500 paid as a donation to the Village Hall Play area, which was agreed at council. Normally we would have been well within budget, however it was agreed this was a one off payment to help the village.

Litter Pick – Following the recent Litter Pick I am also pleased to announce that we won a raffle prize draw of £200, which must be spent in some way to benefit the village. The Parish Council is considering various options for this which we will confirm to you at a later stage.

SAM2 SIGN – The Parish Council has agreed to share a Traffic Calming SAM2Sign with 6 other Parish Councils at a cost of £292 per parish. The sign will be with each parish for 2 months during the year 2014/2015. Site for the sign will be agreed by the Parish Council in due course.

Village Sign – The Village Sign on Norwich Road, opposite the school, has been restored and repainted.

Play Area – We congratulate the Village Hall Trust Recreation Committee for reaching their required target and they will commence construction of the Play Area during the Summer.

HGV's – We are aware there is still much concern over HGV's travelling through the village. During the year we have made enquiries with Norfolk Police and the Highways Agency requesting a weight limit through the village. However, neither the police or the highways are prepared to support a weight restriction.

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support during my first year as Chairman, which has been a big learning experience for me.

I have had conversations with many of you and also knocks on my door, which I am always happy to receive. I hope I have been able to give advice and help when required. The Parish website www.barnham.broompc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk contains lots of information about the Parish Council. Our local Parish magazine (Group News) also provides monthly updates. All your Parish Councillors live in the village and are always willing to receive any issues from residents and businesses and take them to the Parish Council meetings. Their contact details are listed overleaf. Dates of meetings, agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish notice board outside the Village Shop. I would also like to see more of you at our monthly meetings, dates are published in Group News and also can be found on notice board outside the shop.

Please remember I am always happy to speak with you at any time when I am out and about or please contact me by phone or e-mail.

Brian Read

Summary of Accounts 2013/14

Income		Expenditure	
Precept	£7,602.00	Insurance and Audit Fees	£315.00
Rents	£594.00	Running costs	£4,319.15
VAT Refund	£197.68	Grass Cutting	£1,845.00
Interest	£7.86	Donations to Community Groups	£2,790.00
		Village Sign restoration	£187.26
		VAT	£22.78

Contact Details

Parish Website: <http://barnham-broompc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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