



## FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER March 2016

### Members of the Council

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The council meets on Monday evening in the village hall every six weeks at 7.00 p.m. There is always space and time given for residents to attend and speak to the meeting. Eligible members of the parish wishing to contribute to items on the agenda should, please, notify this intention to the clerk before the meeting. All residents are invited to attend the meetings and observe the Parish Council processing the agenda items.

At present the Parish Council is one member short of its full complement. Any resident wishing to serve as a co-opted member until ratification can take place (at the Annual General Meeting) should express their interest in writing.

### Allotments

We still have 4 spare plots available to rent at a very low charge of £25 pa. if you would like to discuss the possibilities of having an allotment please contact Alan Simpson on 688387.

### Emergency Plan

A leaflet detailing the emergency plan with information about who to contact, where to go and what to do has been circulated through the village. The full emergency plan will be available through the Clerk and on the Website.

### Refuse Bins

Please keep these within the border of the property apart from the day on which they are due to be emptied. If you are unable to take care of this yourself, please arrange for someone to see to these arrangements for you. This safeguard is necessary because wheeled bins can e.g. wander in the wind and may constitute a hazard both for road users and pedestrians.

### Traffic Calming

New flashing speed indicator signs have been purchased by the Parish council and will be installed on the Aldeburgh Road (the main road through the village) during April.

### Playground Equipment

The parish council has funds available through the district council to purchase new playgrounds sports equipment and would like to hear your views. Please contact the clerk with any ideas

## **Queens Birthday**

Arrangements are being made around the country to celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Friston is no exception. The beacon on the green will be lit on 21<sup>st</sup> April and the Parish Council is hoping to organise a picnic on the green with some music on 11<sup>th</sup> June. In conjunction with this, the Old Chequers inn will be providing a hog roast.

## **Footpaths**

The Parish Council will contact SCDC in the event of a blockage or missing or damaged sign so please contact either a councillor or the clerk to report the matter. However, footpaths crossing fields tend to be the responsibility of the farmer or owner.

## **Parking on the Village Green**

This piece of land around which much of the village is formed provides a multi-use facility for our community. It is used for a variety of purposes and occasions during the year and we would like to preserve it, of course, in a fitting manner. However, we are also aware of the paucity of parking space in the village particularly on occasions like weddings, funerals and concerts at the church when the green is used as the main car park for the event. We should be grateful if people wishing to use the green in this way would seek permission from the parish council as we do not feel that regular use of the green as a casual car park is appropriate. Please contact Cllr. A Patterson.

## **Flooding**

There has been a lot of work going on between the council and the Environment Agency and Highways to try to resolve the numerous highways and flooding issues.

The Environment Agency have now completed the de-silting of the water channel from Newton House in Grove Road along Low Road through to the flood alleviation catchment area near the Aldeburgh Road. Unfortunately, due to operational restrictions, mainly Health & Safety concerns, the silt in the channel next to Church Road is still to be dealt with. The flooding and silt from the fields at Manor Farm in Grove Road is still not fully resolved but is still being pursued and hopefully can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

## **Make a Will – Free of charge**

Free Wills Month takes place in March 2016. It brings together a group of well-respected charities to offer members of the public, aged 55 years and over, the opportunity to have a solicitor draw-up a simple Will or, alter an existing one, free of charge. You will be able to choose a solicitor from one of its participating firms in selected locations in England and Wales.

The idea behind this scheme is that in return for providing you with a free service you may wish to leave a donation to a chosen charity. Go to: [www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk](http://www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk) to register your interest by providing your name, postcode and email address. You will receive a reminder near the time the campaign starts and will be provided with the names of participating solicitors in Suffolk.

For people under 55 years of age there is a similar UK wide scheme called WILL AID. This runs every November and there are no age requirements or set fee required to take part. However, WILL AID hopes you will make a donation and suggests £95.00 for a single Will or £150.00 for a couple of mirror Wills. The donation will then be split between various UK charities.

Go to: [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or telephone 0300 0300 013 or 0207 523 2177. If you have opted for legal cover as part of your Home or Car insurance then check to see if a Will-writing service is also provided.

Many Trades unions like Public & Commercial Services Union (PCS), the NASUWT Teachers' Union, The Fire Brigade and UNISON offer free or heavily discounted Will-writing services for their members.

## **Village Lunch**

This is held on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the village hall. The meal consists of two courses plus tea or coffee for which the charge to the majority of attendees is £3.50 (made up of £3 for the meal and 50p towards an outing to a local eatery). All are welcome as are, at a reduced price, young children accompanying an adult.

## **Friston Village Web-Site**

We are lucky enough to have a local resident who is willing to put a lot of time into managing a website for the village, <http://friston.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> or just google Friston Parish Council. All of the parish council news and official forms are published on the site as well as a lot of local information.

## YOUR VIEWS?:

We are keen to hear your views on any aspect of this newsletter or any other matter that you wish to bring to our attention. Please contact either the Clerk or a councillor to do this. Friston is a beautiful place; unique in many respects and maintaining it as such is a mission in which we must all be involved as best we can. Your Parish Council believe that our united efforts can serve to achieve this and thus help to pass on a heritage that is life enhancing.

## PARISH COUNCIL CALENDAR 2016

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Annual General Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December