



Tasburgh Parish Council

Annual Report 2021/22

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any comments about Tasburgh Parish Council and its work or you have any issues you wish to be raised please contact one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk, contact details are below.

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Chairman's Report

It's wonderful to feel that, hopefully, we are now leaving the worst of the pandemic behind us, and to see our village community returning to normal life. Returning, just briefly, to the pandemic, January saw the official opening of the Tasburgh Rock Snake display board on the village green. Our thanks go to everyone whose imagination and efforts made this permanent addition to our village possible.

Another permanent addition to the village this year is the newly rebuilt village sign in Low Road. Thanks to Andrew Patrick for his hard work here, and also the Rev Austin, who, during the display board opening ceremony, also delivered a lovely blessing for both old and new village signs.

Climate change seems to be making itself evident in Tasburgh – we seem to have been much occupied this past year with problems of 'rot' everywhere. The wooden framework of the 'Spiders Web' and the basket swing in the playground have had to be completely replaced, and early problems have also been spotted with the boardwalk in Burrfield Park, which is not a surprise as it sat under water for weeks last winter. We are currently looking at having the entire boardwalk washed and sprayed with preservative, which will hopefully ensure its survival for a few more years to come.

The other constant problem facing us is that of traffic and speeding around the village. The Parish Council have received funding under the Norfolk Public Partnership scheme to buy a second SAM2 machine. This new machine will concentrate on various speeding blackspots on the Low Road, leaving the other machine to be based in Church Road and Grove Lane. With the provision of two SAM2 we can start to build up evidence about the very noticeable problems in the village and hopefully come up with future solutions. A Traffic Advisory Group has also been set up specifically to try and address some of these problems.

Jill Casson, Chair

Your Council Tax 2021/22

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the precept (the parish council's share of the council tax) saw no increase for the financial year 2021/22. Budgeted general expenditure has remained broadly the same as the previous year. The Parish Council had ear-marked funds for potential identified projects and grant funding which could be applied for by local community groups. Any remaining funds at year end continue to be transferred into the contingency funds for Burrfield Park and the Playarea. The Parish Council remains in a good financial position, maintaining good value for money on all purchases and projects.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan continues to be community led and evidence based. In 2021/22 the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group held two well attended public consultation events in the Village Hall which formed the Vision for the Plan and a set of Objectives, both of which have been accepted by the Parish Council. Thank you everyone who came along and willingly gave their views and comments on a range of subjects.

The Advisory Group is now in a position to apply for funding from the national organisation (Locality) which supports community led planning. This will enable the Parish Council to employ specialist planning consultants to deal with specific areas of the plan prior to submission. The group is currently in the process of conducting a Village Character Assessment.

The Assessment will include details of the building styles, materials and ages and their relationship with the surrounding landscape. This will be a useful tool in identifying the special qualities that give Tasburgh a sense of place and in informing design guidance in any future development in the Village.

If you have an interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, please contact tasburghpc@btinternet.com for more information.

Community Speed Watch

These sessions do act as a useful reminder and deterrent to speeding traffic, but more volunteers are still needed to enable us to run regular sessions. The benefits of Community Speed Watch can lead to:

- * Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions
- * Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users
- * Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers
- * Raises awareness of anti-social road use

Details are available from the Co-ordinator, Jill Casson or the Parish Clerk.

Burrfeld Park

Despite COVID restrictions a couple of work days were held with some dozen people working, observing social distancing. Others were doing the routine maintenance, which keeps the Park open and useable to all residents. Once again our thanks to all volunteers for their hard work in these curious times. The floods and heavy rain last year resulted in marked growth throughout the Park, however there was a good crop of Norfolk Heritage apples and we were pleased that residents helped themselves.

Tasburgh Rock Snake

January saw the long awaited grand unveiling of the Tasburgh Rock Snake display board on the village green. The rock snake which formed such a lovely display along Grove Lane at the height of the lockdown in 2020, began from a conversation between Laura Boon, Emma Townsend and Amy Prendergast. They placed a notice on the fence of the field next to the village hall, inviting people to place painted stones along the footpath. This grew until there were 278 stones. Not wanting to lose this, the Parish Council agreed to fund a more permanent feature to commemorate this time.

Our thanks to everyone whose efforts have enabled this and we hope that it will be something to be enjoyed for many years. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Philippa Taylor, the Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk, who unveiled the board and presented the village with a Covid memorial token, and to Rev

Austin Uzoigwe, who delivered a beautiful blessing for both of our village signs.

Highway Matters

Remember, as residents you can also report any problems you might notice on the Norfolk road network, from potholes to pavement defects and much more. These can be reported anonymously online or to enable you to receive updates on the steps taken to resolve a problem you will need to register.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem

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2022/23 Action Plan

Tasburgh Parish Council will publish an action plan annually in May.

Tasburgh Parish Council will continually review the action plan, and will add any matters as required through the year.

The 2022/23 Action Plan will be agreed at the council's meeting in May. It is expected that the following items will be included within the action plan:

- To continue to progress and develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Tasburgh.
- To progress cycle path discussions with Long Stratton Parish Council.
- To continue to contribute to the planning process for the Long Stratton development and bypass.
- To maintain an overview of traffic matters to ensure the safety of our public places.
- To ensure the Charity is properly administered and that Burrfield Park is safe and pleasant for those visiting.
- To continue to ensure good governance of the Parish

Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and currently being held in the Village Main Hall. **Planning Meetings**, if required, are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room and **agendas** are posted on the village notice boards and the website at least three days beforehand.

Public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings; there's an opportunity to speak or ask questions.

Please note if you would like an item to appear on the agenda details must be sent to the Clerk at least eight days before the meeting. The Council is unable to make a decision on anything not included on the agenda but can discuss it and refer it to the next meeting.

Minutes of meetings are posted on the website or are available from the Clerk.

Parish Council Future Meeting Dates

Councillors are always willing to discuss any issues with you; their contact details are on page 2.

The Council will meet on the following dates for 2022

7 th June Planning Meeting	20th September
21st June	4th October Planning Meeting
5th July Planning Meeting	18th October Meeting
19th July	1st November Planning Meeting
2nd August Planning Meeting	15 th November
16th August	6th December Planning Meeting
6th Sept Planning Meeting	13th December
	15 th December

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2021/22

Payments	2020/21 £	Budget 2021/22 £	Actual 2021/22 £	(Over)/ Under Spent £
Reoccurring Expenditure				
Administration	4997.27	5041.82	5163.51	121.69
HR	7189.32	7407.60	7269.67	69.00
Maintenance	1789.92	2612.00	8325.41	(5713.41)
Grass Cutting	3943.00	2893.00	3997.00	(1104.00)
Other	96.00	200.00	96.00	124.00
Subtotal	18,015.51	18154.42	24,851.59	(6502.72)
Projects				
Unallocated Projects	833.83	500.00	-	500.00
Grants Local Groups	-	2500.00	-	2500.00
Traffic Calming		2000.00	-	2000.00
Lower Village Sign		1930.00	1930.00	-
Neighbourhood Plan		3554.17	363.42	3190.75
Contingency		800.00	30.00	770.00
VAT	828.67		2,049.92	
Subtotal	1,662.50		2,079.92	
Grand Total	19,678.01		29,224.93	

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Receipts	2020/21	2021/22
	£	£
Precept	21,700.82	21716.42
Interest	6.49	1.40
Quarterly Advertising	1210.47	1199.82
VAT Refund	1773.45	-
Grants & Refunds		237.50
Verge Cutting Contract	1255.97	1217.04
Grass Cutting Maintenance	1082.00	1158.00
Allotment Tenancy	250.00	250.00
Church News & Yellow Pages Printing	520.00	563.20
Other	100.00	100.00
Community Infrastructure Levy (Cil)	11813.25	-
Neighbourhood Plan funding	3610.00	-
Total	43,322.45	26,443.38

Reconciliation

Opening Balance @ 31st March 2021 **65,525.41**

Total Income 26,443.38

Total Expenditure 29,224.93

Closing Balance @ 31st March 2022 **62,743.86**

Represented by:

Current Account 48,971.37

Barclays High Interest Account 14,218.89

Less unrepresented cheques 446.40

Total **62,743.86**

VAT Refund yet to be received 2,079.92

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