



# **Tasburgh Parish Council**

Annual Report 2018/19

## 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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### Website

<https://tasburghpc.wixsite.com/tasburghpc>

## Chairman's Report

Residents who have lived within the village for many years will know how much it has changed within that time. Most will agree that Tasburgh is an idyllic place to live and it is tempting to think that we can somehow keep it as it is. However, we only have to look at some of our neighbouring villages to know the pressures that we all face, especially from housing development. The recent Greater Norwich Development Plan identified 3 possible sites for future development in Tasburgh, including one large site on the opposite side of the A140 which could contain several hundred houses. Although it is unlikely that this site will be included at this stage, it is inevitable that Tasburgh will receive more housing in the future.

Therefore, the Parish Council would like to develop a 'Vision' of how the village should develop. The last Parish Plan is now over 10 years old, and the issues it identified are not the same issues that arise now. We need to update it, and we want to reach out to all residents to find out how everyone sees the future. Just as a couple of examples. New housing – where should it be? Do we need more dwellings for young people / older people rather than large 4/5 bed houses? Community facilities – what do we need that we don't have now? Again, where should these be so that they are central to the village?

Our theme for the Annual Parish meeting this year is "Vision for the Future" and we want everyone's views. By deciding now what we would like to see, we have more chance of influencing what happens in the future.

Finally, we have two long-standing Councillors standing down in May this year, Rachel Simmons and Dave Moore, the latter was Chair for 7 years. We are also losing Florence Ellis, our District Councillor for many years here. I should like to extend my thanks to all of them for their hard work and dedication over their periods in office.

**Jill Casson, Chair**

## Your Council Tax

The Parish Council has just set its precept for 2019/2020 after several months of consideration and deliberation. The Parish portion of your annual Council Tax will rise by 7.44 % to £52.93 per year for a Band D property. In the current economic climate, this may seem like a large increase. However, the Parish Council precept has not increased for the previous two years, and because of government cuts to the budgets of the County and District Councils, more costs are being passed onto us, the lowest tier of Local Government. In particular, the costs of grass-cutting and dog-bin emptying have increased by well above the rate of inflation.

## Finger Post Sign

Our thanks to Alison Thomas, our County Councillor for providing the funds for a brand-new finger post sign near the Church. Visitors to the village will once again be able to see clear directions.

## Tasburgh War Memorial

In June 2018 the Parish Council submitted an application to Historic England for the War Memorial to be assessed for listing as part of Historic England's First World War Commemoration project. After examining all the records and other relevant information and having carefully considered the architectural and historic interest of our case, Historic England recommended the Tasburgh War Memorial for listing at Grade II.

Research also undertaken as part of the Imagined Land Project discovered that 2 men died after the end of the war of injuries sustained during it, but their names were not included on the memorial. The Parish Council now plan to rectify that, and have

the 2 names added to the bottom of the existing list – it is hoped that the work will be completed very soon.

## CPR & Defibrillator Training

A successful, well attended CPR and Defibrillator awareness course delivered by the East Anglian Air Ambulance Trust was held at the Village Hall in October. It is worth remembering that **Early CPR can treble the chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.** The defibrillator is on the wall at the Village Hall. Should you ever need to use it, tell the operator when you ring 999 where it is and that it is available. They will then give you the code number necessary to open the door.

## A140 Issues

The volume of traffic and speed of traffic on the A140 continue to be pressing issues for the Parish Council this year, especially after the fatal accident on Tasburgh Hill last year. Visibility on this section has been improved after the felling of a number of trees, many of which were also diseased. It is hoped that the construction of the new roundabout at the Hempnall Crossroads will reduce traffic speeds through the village, but we will continue to monitor this closely.

## Community Traffic Schemes

Our Speed Watch group is now fully up and running, with a dedicated group of volunteers regularly monitoring traffic speeds at key spots. The main problem area with speeding traffic within the village is definitely the Low Road, where both Speed Watch and SAMS data have revealed a high percentage of vehicles travelling in excess of 35 mph while using this road as a cut-through between Wymondham and Long Stratton. The data we collect here is being shared with the Police, and hopefully measures can be taken to reduce this problem.

If you are concerned about speeding traffic in the village, can spare a few hours to volunteer and would like more information please get in contact with the Scheme Co-ordinator Willie Crawshay, or the Clerk for more information on the scheme.

## Long Stratton Bypass / Hempnall Crossroads

Work on the 'Hempnall Crossroads' with a new roundabout has begun. Good progress is being made, and the roundabout should be completed later this year. At the same time, the current 50 mph limit through Tasburgh will be extended to the Long Stratton side of the roundabout.

No progress yet on the long-awaited Long Stratton by-pass, which is still in the planning stage.

## Burrfeld Park

Tasburgh Parish Council has responsibility for this wildlife site in Lower Tasburgh, which is open for the public to enjoy. We are planning this year to replace the hedging on the south side of the park with a new native hedgerow. A small but dedicated and enthusiastic band of volunteers maintain the park over the year and new helpers will always be made welcome at the regular "work days" held throughout the year.

## Dog Bins

A reminder to dog-walkers that you do not have to put dog waste in one of the special red dog bins. It can also be placed in ordinary domestic black bins.

## Parish Council Website

The Parish Council continues to update the website which can be found at <https://tasburghpc.wixsite.com/tasburghpc>. We hope you

find your visit/s helpful and please check back regularly as the contents are regularly being updated.

We also have our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Tasburgh-Parish-Council](http://www.facebook.com/Tasburgh-Parish-Council)) where you can keep up-to-date with everything that is happening in and around the village, so please do continue to like us.

If you have an event you would like to publicise on either the website or the Facebook page, please email details to the clerk.

## Highway Matters

Reporting Highways problems couldn't be simpler! You can report anonymously, or you can register. If you register you will receive updates on the steps taken to resolve the problem  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem)

## Projector

A reminder to all that Tasburgh Parish Council has a projector with sound facility. This is available for use by other village groups, so if you would like to book it please email the clerk.

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## 2019/20 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 2019/20 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 contribute to the planning process for the Long Stratton development and bypass and Hempnall Crossroads.
- To maintain appropriate management arrangements for Burrfield Park, and to ensure that the Park and Charity is properly administered and is safe and pleasant for those visiting.
- To continue to ensure good governance of the Parish
- To maintain an overview of traffic matters and ensure the safety of our public places.
- To complete the War Memorial Project
- To progress and develop a plan for the future of the village



# Meetings

**Parish Council meetings** are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm (refreshments available from 7.30pm).

**Planning Meetings**, if required, are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm. Both meetings are usually 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 Surgeries

Councillors are always willing to discuss any issues with you; their contact details are on page 2. In addition Councillors are available on the evenings of their main council meetings (third Tuesday of the month) between 7.30pm and 8pm for informal discussion during which time refreshments are served. Please do visit us!

# Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2018/19

<b>Payments</b>	2017/18	Budget	Actual	(Over)/
	£	2018/19	2018/19	Under
	£	£	£	Spent
				£
<b>Reoccurring Expenditure</b>				
Administration	5561.97	4787.82	5181.29	(81.53)
HR	6666.84	7475.00	6536.23	463.77
Maintenance	2769.93	2719.00	1850.02	868.98
Grass Cutting	1779.94	2337.00	2171.32	165.69
Other	265.80	220.00	199.74	20.26
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,044.48</b>	<b>17,538.82</b>	<b>15,938.60</b>	<b>1600.22</b>
<b>Projects</b>				
Lower Tasburgh Sign		1585.00		1585.00
Unallocated Projects		2588.50	0.00	2588.50
RFA Play Equipment	4700.00		0.00	66.23
Recreational Steps	550.00		0.00	
Bus Shelters (PPS)	190.00		0.00	
SAMS Post			278.00	
<b>Contingency</b>	0.00	800.00		800.00
<b>VAT</b>	<b>1482.24</b>		<b>580.91</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5440.00</b>		<b>278.00</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23,966.72</b>		<b>16,797.51</b>	

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<b>Receipts</b>	2017/18	2018/19
	£	£
Precept	20,198.32	20198.32
Shortfall Grant	301.00	142.00
Interest	9.23	28.58
Quarterly Advertising	1084.52	657.10
VAT Refund	4005.47	1482.24
Grants & Refunds	4836.74	1520.00
Verge Cutting Contract	1152.16	1193.64
Allotment Tenancy	250.00	250.00
Church News & Yellow Pages Printing	484.00	372.00
Other	153.80	192.80
Community Infrastructure Levy (Cil)		283.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,475.24</b>	<b>26,319.87</b>

### Reconciliation

**Opening Balance @ 31st March 2018** **27,961.83**

Total Income 26,319.87

Total Expenditure 16,797.51

**Closing Balance @ 31st March 2019** **37,484.19**

Represented by:

Current Account 23,329.40

Barclays High Interest Account 14,184.79

Less unrepresented cheques 30.00

**Total** **37,484.19**

VAT Refund yet to be received 580.91

Thank you for taking the time  
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