

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2024

Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to your new Parish Council Newsletter. This initiative has been started in order to keep as many people as possible informed about the Council and what we are doing for Stiffkey. We will look to produce a newsletter several times during the year in order to keep you up-to-date. This is in addition to the regular updates on the Council's website and social media channels.

New Clerk

We are delighted that Julie Chance has agreed to become our permanent Clerk. Julie has over 30 years of experience as a Clerk. She was Clerk to Cromer Town Council for 18 years before stepping down in November 2023. She now looks after four parishes including Stiffkey. Julie is the first, and main, point of contact for your Council. Her contact details are over the page.

Speedwatch

A new Community Speedwatch project has been developed in response to concerns about speeding in Stiffkey. Speedwatch is designed to reduce speeding, not to catch drivers. Working with the police, the Speedwatch project will support the electronic Speed Awareness Message (SAM) that is already used in the village. If you would like to volunteer to join the Speedwatch team, please contact the Clerk. We have identified sites where we can be deployed and we expect to be up and running in September.

New Website

Stiffkey Parish Council has a new website which can be accessed at www.stiffkeyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Having a gov.uk website ensures greater security and our status as a tier of Local Government. The new website contains all the same information as before and is the go-to location for Parish Council news and updates.

Planning application

Have your say on planning application PF/24/1183 which is a proposal for six new properties at Hillcrest, 36 Wells Road. Visit the Parish Council website for more information.



Stiffkey Marsh Bridge

As most of you will be aware, the original bridge over Cabbage Creek was removed in 2022. The Parish Council, District Council and the MP for North Norfolk all campaigned hard for a replacement. With significant help from the Marsh Fairies, which garnered press coverage on an international and national scale as well as locally, the National Trust finally agreed to replace the bridge.

In June 2024 the Trust submitted an application to North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) for planning permission for a replacement bridge. Several public meetings have been held to talk through the plans and it is hoped that, once permission is granted, a new bridge will be in place by the beginning of November 2024. The plans for the bridge and supporting documentation can be found at the NNDC website under planning reference PF/24/1139.

New Footpath

A new official Public Right of Way has now been registered from the car park to the bridge at Cabbage Creek and beyond. It will be accessible once the new bridge is in place. Details of the new footpath can be found on the definitive map, the legal record, of footpaths. This can be accessed in person at County Hall in Norwich, or via the library. It can also be found online at <https://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/>.



The Parish Council thanks all of those who worked towards these results. In particular, we would like to thank former councillor Ian Curtis for spearheading the campaigns.

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Parish Council Meeting Dates 2024

The Parish Council will be meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall on:

30 September 2024

25 November 2024

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Stiffkey Health Initiative

The Parish Council has outlined its plans for a new health initiative for the village. There are four areas of focus:



Provision of a defibrillator

A suitable and available location for a defibrillator has been identified. The Parish Council is now working towards getting relevant permissions in place before installation is undertaken.

Provide CPR Training

CPR stands for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It can help save a life during cardiac arrest. Proper CPR is the first and most vital course of action that can keep the blood pumping until help arrives, or a defibrillator is administered. CPR can double or triple the chances of survival after a cardiac arrest. Our Community First Responder team is prepared to train as many villagers as possible in this life saving technique free of charge.



Support Community First Responders

We are very fortunate to have two First Responders living in our village. First Responders are fully trained volunteers with the East of England Ambulance Service and respond to 999 calls when on duty. First Responders rely on donations and support to cover the cost of lifesaving equipment, training and other incidentals. We want to provide more support for this valuable resource.

Establish a Community Transport Scheme

This will be a service – at little, or no cost to users - to help collect prescriptions for those villagers unable to do so themselves. The scheme will also provide transport for attendance at medical appointments whether it be the local GP surgeries or further afield to a hospital appointment.

Funding

So far, the Parish Council has raised funds for the defibrillator and we have some funds to kick start the transport scheme. However, we are looking for support to help us meet all our aims and to keep the health initiative going for years to come.

Please get in touch with the Clerk if you would like to learn more about any, or all, of the following:

- volunteering as a driver for the transport scheme;
- making a financial contribution to support the CFRs and/or the transport scheme;
- taking part in CPR training;
- registering to use the transport scheme

We would love to hear from you.