

## GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, with nine Councillors and eight members of the public present. Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor A Beales.

From January 2025 the Parish Council will no longer meet on the second Monday, but on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in Great Massingham Village Hall. Here are the meeting dates for 2025, 20th January 17th February, 17th March, 14th April (21<sup>st</sup> is Easter Monday), 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November. There is no meeting in December.

Please note that the Parish Council budget for 2025/26 and the Parish Precept requirement will be agreed at the meeting to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

A page has been created on the Parish Council website to record captured data from the SAM2 Speed Awareness Sign that is sited at various locations around the village. The sign is deployed within the 30mph limit, on stretches of road that are of concern. The current specific sites that are used have been agreed between the Parish Council and an officer of Norfolk County Council's Highways department. The Council has applied for Parish Partnership Scheme funding through Norfolk County Council in order to secure a second SAM2 Sign for the village. A decision will be made by Norfolk County Council in March of next year.

We kindly urge residents who notice non-functioning or flickering streetlights to report them to the Parish Council as soon as possible. When reporting, please include the specific location and, if visible, the identification number on the pole.

The ground maintenance contract for 2025 was reviewed at the meeting and the Council agreed to continue to appoint HHA Grounds Maintenance for a further year. The last year has seen the frequency and standard of cuts improve greatly and the Council have been pleased with the work that has been carried out. The first cut will take place in March 2025.

Following the recent parking consultation for Great Massingham the key statistics and responses from residents are being considered by the Council. Many comments were received in respect of preserving the greens, alternative parking solutions, impact on local businesses and events, road safety and traffic concerns, fencing and signage, resident specific parking needs, village character and aesthetic concerns, use of specific green areas. In total 113 residents participated in the consultation, here is a summary of Consultation Results.

#### **1. Should the Parish Council Take Action to Address/Manage Parking in the Centre of the Village?**

- Yes – something should be done: 61.9%
- Maybe/not sure – I would like to know more about the options available.: 21.2%
- No – keep the current arrangements: 16.8%

#### **2. Should There Be Restrictions on Parking on the Greens or Other Spaces in the Village?**

- Yes: 58.4%
- No: 26.5%
- Maybe/not sure – I would like some further information: 15.0%

#### **3. Support for Specific Parking Solutions**

- Allow parking on the Greens in specific areas: 36.3%
- Allow parking on the green during specific times of the day/week: 4.4%
- Allow parking on the Greens and install matting and signage to support this – up to 20 spaces (at a cost): 7.1%
- Allow parking on the main Greens only for specific events: 23.9%
- Restrict or ban parking on the green in front of the Pub and install a low-level fence: 15.9%
- Restrict or ban parking on ALL Greens and install a low-level fence: 18.6%
- Restrict or ban parking on the MAIN Greens and install a low-level fence: 28.3%
- Create better parking solutions on the highway/local roads: 29.2%
- Support/promote the current parking allocation in the Village Hall: 77.0%
- Support/promote the current parking allocation behind the pub: 79.7%

We are pleased to inform you that essential maintenance work is planned to improve the pond and clear culverts along Weasenham Road. These efforts aim to enhance water flow, reduce the risk of flooding, and maintain the natural beauty of our area. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring this work is completed with minimal disruption to residents and road users. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this period.

The platform roundabout at the play area will soon be removed due to safety concerns associated with its current condition, including potential hazards for children using the equipment. Plans are being made to replace the roundabout with a safer and more modern play feature that will continue to provide fun and enjoyment for local families following the recent consultation.

Join us for a festive Christmas event on December 6th at 6:00 pm (details on page 8). Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies provided by The Dabbling Duck, along with a delightful performance by the Harpley Community Choir.

### **Next Meeting and Contact Information**

Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to comment or ask questions during the public portion of the meeting.

**\*\*Please Note\*\***: The Parish Council does not respond to posts on social media. We kindly ask that any comments, questions, or feedback be directed to the Clerk using the contact information below.

To contact the Clerk, Sarah Harvey you can telephone 01328 823391,

email [gmparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:gmparishclerk@gmail.com) or write to Byanoak, Leicester Road, South Creake, NR21 9PW.