

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting began at 7.30pm on Monday 12th August, with seven Parish Councillors in attendance and ten members of the public.

Car Parking

As part an effort to address parking issues and preserve the beauty of our village green, the Council is considering a proposal to install protective matting in certain areas of the green. Your feedback is essential to help us understand the potential impact of this proposal on our community as we want to ensure that the solution we implement meets the needs of our residents. We aim to launch a consultation in the autumn to gather your views. Further details will be made available in the coming weeks as to how you can contribute to the discussion.

Play Area

The Council has agreed that a quarterly cleaning programme of play equipment would be beneficial going forward and is also hoping to provide covers for swing seating that can be replaced when not in use. Repairs have now been carried out to the Platform Roundabout and is once again able to be used. Following our appeal last month we would again invite all parishioners, especially those with children or grandchildren who regularly use the play area, to support our funding bid for a new Roundabout. Your letters of support will significantly strengthen our application and help us succeed in securing the necessary funding. The range of options and pricing can be seen in August Mallard (pages 8 & 9) or on the Parish Council website.

Flyposting

Following village events, residents are reminded of the importance of removing posters and signs from lamp posts, fences, and other public spaces. While these advertisements play a vital role in promoting community gatherings, leaving them up long after the event creates an eyesore and can contribute to litter. To put it in perspective a resident has very kindly spent many hours of their time removing these from various posts in the village and managed to recover 3lbs of drawing pins/staples! The Parish Council would therefore like to encourage all event organizers to promptly take down their posters within 48 hours of the event's conclusion. This small act helps keep our village tidy and demonstrates respect for shared spaces.

Overgrown Hedging

We kindly remind all residents to regularly trim any hedges or vegetation that overhang pavements. Overgrown hedges can obstruct sidewalks, forcing pedestrians, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, to step onto the road, which poses a significant safety risk. By keeping hedges neatly trimmed, you contribute to the comfort and safety of everyone in our community. Well-maintained pavements ensure that pedestrians can use the paths without obstruction, promoting a safe and pleasant environment for all. We appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

LIFT is a community initiative designed to assist elderly parishioners who experience falls but don't need an ambulance. Volunteers will use inflatable chairs stored in 7 hubs across West Norfolk to provide immediate help. East Rudham is home to the nearest hub.

West Norfolk Carers will oversee the project, offering governance and support for grants. The team is working on budgeting for training, volunteer costs, chairs, and communication. They are also exploring ways for fallers to request help and connect with local volunteers.

The project seeks parish involvement to recruit volunteers from within local communities. For more information, contact East Rudham Councillor Mark Tizard at tizards@btinternet.com.

Councillor Community Grant Scheme

Borough Councillor A Beales has an annual grant of £1,000 to support community groups in his ward. Projects should benefit the people of West Norfolk and may include replacing equipment, community newsletters, event contributions, facility improvements, equipment purchases, and repairs. The grant can also support initiatives aimed at improving health, social mobility, and well-being. For more details and application information, visit the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's website and search for 'Councillor Community Grant Scheme'.

Gray's Fun Fair should also return to the village the week beginning 7th October and will be open from Thursday 10th October. More details will be provided by Gray's Fun Fair nearer the time.

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 9th September at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting and there is an opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the Council during the first part of the meeting.

Please note that the Parish Council will not respond to posts on social media and would ask that any comments, complaints or compliments be directed to the Clerk via the contact details provided.

To contact the Clerk, Sarah Harvey you can telephone 01328 823391, email gmparishclerk@gmail.com or write to Byanoak, Leicester Road, South Creake, NR21 9PW.