

Nacton Parish Council

Autumn newsletter



Chairman's Update

Recently it has been announced that the Sizewell C Freight Distribution Park is no longer going to be located just off the Old Felixstowe Road but at the Logistics Park off the A14, where there are already two large warehouses. It means that the 500+ lorries a day driving past the crematorium and using the T junction onto the Old Felixstowe Road will not happen.

The development opposite the crematorium for light industry is still possible although there has been no update recently.

Next month the aim is to tidy the new hedge around Victoria Field and to replace damaged plants. Whilst some parts of the hedge are growing well, other sections have been damaged by animals and humans walking through and crushing the saplings.

As there are no longer buses going through Nacton, the parish council is looking into reversing the seating at the bus shelter. This would then give some protection from the weather whilst being able to keep an eye on children in Victoria Field or just to enjoy the view.

Several silver birch trees in Paupers Wood have died over the last few months. These are being cut down as they are not safe. The parish council is looking into planting some new trees in the areas cleared. The half circle path in the wood is also being cleared of bramble and nettles. The cut down trees will be used to further mark the route of the path. Finally yew trees have been planted to help mark the boundary of the council land in the wood.

Cllr. Brian Hunt

Information Board



Recently an information board has been placed in Victoria Field. This tells something of the background to Paupers' Wood and also how Victoria Field came to be given to the parish.

Telephone Box



It has been brought to our attention that the red telephone box in the village still has a dialling tone and therefore can be used for 999 calls in an emergency.

Changes to telephone lines

At a recent meeting, Nacton Parish Council identified some concerns that the impending discontinuation of copper telephone landlines to residential properties might cause some challenges.

The old system will be switched off in 2025 and landlines will use broadband to make calls. If you rely on a landline, you will still be able to make calls but the technology that powers them will be different.

The landline will use the internet to make calls, rather than the copper network. For most residents who have an existing broadband connection the change will be straightforward. For those without a broadband connection at home, your supplier will install one.

However, if there's a power cut, digital phones will not work unless it has a battery back-up and you will need to use a mobile for phone calls. For some residents this might be a problem if the mobile reception in your home is poor or non-existent. So called 'not spots'.

For those residents living in a part of the parish which is a 'not spot' there is a further consequence. If you have smart meters fitted for gas and electricity, the meters will not work without a mobile signal.

As a result, the Parish Council intends to lobby the mobile providers to improve coverage in areas of the parish with signal problems. In order for us to have a clear picture of those areas where there are connection issues, we need your help and kindly request that you [complete our survey](#) (It will only take a couple of minutes).

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY

If you have any concerns currently [please email the clerk](#).

Footpaths





These photos are of the path in The Street before and after clearing it.
Please help us by keeping any hedges and/or trees trimmed back by footpaths
and verges.

Events

COFFEE MORNING



Coffee Mornings at The Village Hall (10am - 12 midday)

- 5th October
- 2nd November
- 7th December

Freshly brewed coffee and tea, cakes and a chance to select or swap a book or jigsaw.

If you haven't been before then do come along and sample our delicious bacon rolls, sausage baps - with an egg if you like.

Parish Council Meeting:

27th November

Members of the public are most welcome. Meetings are held in the village hall and start at 7 pm.



'Craft and chat' takes place in the sports field pavilion on Wednesday mornings every fortnight starting at 10.00am.

18th September

2nd, 16th and 30th of October

13th and 27th of November

Bring along anything you would like to craft and have a lovely chat. Look out for more details coming soon.

NACTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



QUIZ NIGHT

NACTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 12th October 7.30 pm

Please enter teams of up to six by email to:

paula-warner@sky.com

**£10.00 per person to include
Fish and chip supper**

A litter pick has been arranged for October 19th. [please email the clerk](#) if you would like to get involved.

Save the date! Our Christmas party will take place in the village hall on Saturday 14th December.

Nacton Parish Council

At our last parish council meeting District Councillor Ninmey kindly took a photograph for us. Left to right (front row) Clare Lucas (Clerk), Councillors Paula Warner, Brian Hunt, Angus Eaton, Jane Mumford, Iain Hatfield. Back row Councillor Sally Baylham, Brian Mansfield (Responsible Financial Officer), Councillors Jos Leeder, Steve Godden and Emma Wilson.



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