

## And Your New Parish Councillors and Clerk are ...



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# Parish Council

Quarterly

# Newsletter

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**W**elcome to the first edition of the Weasenham Parish Council Newsletter,

brought to you by your new Parish Councillors. Please note the Parish Council's old website address on the internet doesn't work and needs to be removed to avoid confusion. The new Weasenham Parish Council website can be found at

[www.weasenhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.weasenhamparishcouncil.org)

We appreciate not everyone has access to a computer and this is why we have introduced our newsletter. We will also continue to use the less formal Weasenham Facebook page as it has a wide reach. Our intention is to keep you updated on what's going on in the Parish and what we are doing on your behalf. We are dedicated to representing your interests and to moving the village forward in a positive way. We welcome your input and feedback on all issues.

### Have Your Say

What would you like to see in your village? Let us know your ideas and what you think the village needs.

### Community Building

The Community Building is warm, clean and comfortable and is just waiting for new clubs and groups to make use of it.

It's available for private parties (there's no alcohol licence, but you can bring your own).

There is play equipment on the field and loads of space for the kids to enjoy while the adults have a catch-up.

To book, simply email Tom McClenaghan or Kelly Pickard.  
(Details on back page.)

## **A statement from the Chairman**

We fully understand and acknowledge that there have been, and probably still are, tensions and frictions within our community. In that respect, it is no different from many other communities across the country. We also acknowledge that some decisions have been made in the past that didn't sit easily with everyone, but again, that's not unusual in any walk of life.

As your new councillors, we are seeking to 'look forward' in all that we do rather than be held back by old issues that may never be fully resolved for everyone. We hope to be able to put all our energy and experience into improving services and responding to the current and emerging needs of the community without having to comment on, or to be involved in, previous disputes that has sapped so much goodwill. In this we ask for a new and positive response from everyone in the Parish to fully support us as we work on your behalf to build a better future for the village.

Our individual and combined aim is to always be forward looking. Mindful to avoid errors, we will do everything in our power to serve you well. We will try not to make important decisions that impact you, without first seeking your views, wherever possible. We fully appreciate that we are here as your voice to organise and facilitate positive actions for the benefit of everyone in the Parish.

But what we all need to do from this point onwards is refrain from negativity and stop looking backwards. Instead, we should try to bury old tensions and disagreements and look forward with a positive view to improve what is already a very good community. In short, we all need to work together.

We would like to thank the interim Parish Council for all their work over the past year which has resulted in the resolution of many issues. This now enables us as a new Parish Council to move forward ideally with no need to look back at the past.

**Meet your new Parish Councillors and Clerk on the back page.**

## **So what's the plan?**

Your Councillors have already undertaken a partial tour of the village on foot. The intention is to complete the tour, out to the Parish boundaries, over the next few weeks. So far, we have identified and reported a damaged pavement around a BT manhole cover on Lamberts Close and several potholes.

Many of our road signs are dirty and some are obscured by foliage. A programme of work to rectify these issues, which will include a clean-up of the bus shelter on Massingham Road, is already underway.

There are old tyres and other debris on the Recreation Field that we intend having removed. We want to make the Field and our Community Building places where you'll be happy to spend time with family and friends.

Of course, there are only three of us and we'll need some help if we are to move things forward. So if you are able-bodied and have some time to spare, why not get in touch and join our working party.

## **Path to the Community Building**

The path leading from the car park to the Community Building is in urgent need of replacement. In 2022, the Interim Parish Council, following a thorough assessment of tenders, decided on a new path. It would have a tough weed resistant membrane, layers of concrete and crushed limestone, pre-formed concrete edging, topped with a hot spray tar layer and gold coloured pea shingle finish. The path would be illuminated by bollard lighting.

This would undoubtedly deliver to the village a high quality path that would meet all relevant regulations, however, it comes with a high cost.

An application for a public works loan of £25,000, repayable over 7 years, has been applied for, but it has not yet been secured.

Your new Council is exploring other options and it might well be possible to construct a fit-for-purpose path without the need for any loan.

However, to do this, we would need the help of village volunteers. In particular, we would need help from people with path laying or general building experience. Do you fit into that category? Would you be able to spend some time assisting us? If so, please get in touch with any of us.

Any and all help will be much appreciated.