

CANTLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood April 2016

Calendar of Meetings 2016

All dates are Thursdays at 7pm in Cantley Village Hall unless stated otherwise.

Thursday 14th April 2016 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 19th May 2016 (Limpenhoe Village Hall)

Thursday 16th June 2016

Thursday 21st July 2016

Thursday 15th September 2016

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

It might have been the Christmas period, but the Council has not been resting – if anything, we have been more busy than ever!

In December we welcomed Martin Woolner to the Parish Council. Martin lives in Station Road, Cantley, and is pleased to be bringing the perspective of the younger residents of the village to the table. The Parish Council welcomes him, and has already valued the comments that he has made in the meetings.

We continue to look at highways issues around the village. Now that the sugar beet campaign has ended, we expect to see work to begin on the drainage at the Burnt House Road / Manor Road junction which has been a problem for many years. If you spot any highways issues (or indeed any other issues), please do report them to the Parish Clerk who would be happy to direct them to the appropriate agency.

The Limpenhoe Land Swap is progressing well. Following receipt of the Awards for All funding, the application is being finalised for submission by the end of March. We have commissioned a biodiversity study which has shown that there are no specialist habitats on the Limpenhoe Hill land, and have suggested a number of biodiversity improvements for the new land which the Council will look to incorporate into the landscaping if the land is successfully swapped. Our grateful thanks to Limpenhoe Village Hall Committee for their generous donation towards the project, and to Norma Knight for her fundraising efforts – which of course rely on you, the residents, to drive the project forward. Once the application is made to the Secretary of State, a period of public consultation will begin, and we hope that residents can lend their support by commenting on the application.

By the time you read this, hopefully the Staithe will have been repaired, and the new play equipment installed at the village hall in Cantley. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to support these projects, and looks forward to seeing people enjoying them in the future.

In December 2015 and January 2016 the Council undertook the budget setting process. The Council was facing severe budget pressures, in order to continue to provide the projects and services that the community has come to expect. The removal of recycling credits has meant that there is a shortfall in income which had to be met from the precept. The Council's general expenditure budget largely remains unchanged, and in-year savings will be made wherever possible. The Council continues to support grass cutting activity in the churches and village halls of Limpenhoe and Cantley, as well as budgeting for maintenance and repairs of assets such as notice boards, signs and grit bins. The Council needed to budget a small amount of expenditure for the Limpenhoe Land Swap project, which includes the biodiversity study, and a contingency should a modest loan be required to meet the final commitments of the project. The final precept requirement resulted in an increase of 14p per week on Band D properties. The Council did not take any budget decisions lightly, and feels that the importance of the forthcoming projects means that financial commitment must be made.

The Council has been fortunate enough to receive a Community Infrastructure Levy payment over nearly £1,700.00. This must be used for capital infrastructure projects, and will be used in due course as such projects are put forward. There are a number of rules and regulations around the spending of CIL monies, meaning that it could not be used to support the Council's budget commitments. Watch this space for more exciting news on our delivery of projects with this money. And of course, we always endeavour to make best use of grant funding opportunities to help pay for projects for the benefit of the community.

Finally, the Council plans to apply for the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Award, which demonstrates that the Council is performing well and meeting its statutory obligations – more on this in the next newsletter.

KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY!

It would be helpful if notices, placed on trees and telephone poles etc which inform of forthcoming events, could be removed after the due date has passed. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

Cantley Flower Show 3rd September 2016

Our next Show is on Saturday 3rd September 2016. Please put this date in your diary. It may seem a long way away but now is the time to be planting potatoes and other vegetables and flowers. Remember to take your camera with you when you go out. This year's photography subjects are: sport, reflections in water, the sky, comical, statues and flowers; and for children 0-6yrs toys, 7-10yrs on the farm and 11-16yrs landscape. Further information at <http://www.cantley.org/> or phone Robert on 01493 701231.

CANTLEY CHURCH UPDATE

The Annual Meeting of St Margaret's Church, Cantley will be in the Church on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you there. *Rev'd Martin Greenland*

SECTION 137 DONATIONS

Each year the Parish Council budgets a small sum for donations to organisations within the community that would benefit from a small grant. In February, the Council awarded £50 each to Cantley Bowls Club, Cantley Tots, Freethorpe First Responders, and East Anglian Air Ambulance. Each of these beneficiaries carry out excellent work in or for the benefit of the community, and we are pleased to be able to support them in this way.

DOMESTIC GAS IN CANTLEY

Further to the article in the last newsletter, another remind that we have an unusual opportunity to lobby to bring gas to Cantley. We have had some interest in this, however we need more people to express an interest if we are to progress this any further. **An expression of interest does not commit you to connecting to gas if we are fortunate enough to be successful.** It just gives us the evidence to strongly lobby for this infrastructure improvement. So please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested, and we will add your name to the list.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library services our parish on a four weekly basis, calling at the Village Hall, Limpenhoe 1.10 – 1.25pm; Church Road, Cantley 2.40 – 3.30pm; and bottom of School Lane, Cantley 3.35 – 3.50pm. The mobile library will call on 12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December.

CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council meeting in February 2016, the Parish Council resolved to apply to Broadland Council for a change of name. Councillors felt that the name 'Cantley Parish Council' did not reflect the area served by the civil parish, and considered 'Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood Parish Council' to be more inclusive of the settlements that form part of our community. The Council has applied for the order to be made under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972, and hope that this will be approved at the district council's May meeting. We would welcome any comments that you might have on this proposal – please email the Parish Clerk by Friday 22nd April if you have any views on this.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th April 2016** at Cantley Village Hall at 7pm. This is the annual meeting where residents have the opportunity to bring issues and comments to an open forum where everyone can participate. Residents will hear reports from village organisations and have the opportunity to bring forward comments, suggestions and issues for the Parish Council to discuss at future meetings. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.



DOG FOULING

Dog fouling remains on the increase in the village. Please be respectful and pick up after your dog, and if you see someone allowing their dog to foul please report this to Broadland District Council. You can also sign up for their 'Top Dog' campaign by calling 01603 430129.