

Nacton Parish Council

Summer newsletter



Chairman's Update

At the parish AGM in May, I agreed to remain chair until the January meeting, when a successor will be found. I think after almost eleven years as chair, someone with new ideas needs to take on the role.

The village sign project is almost complete, with fertiliser being added to the base and bulbs planted. In the short term a few plants will be put in to make it more

attractive.

An information board will soon be in place in Victoria Field, which will give some information, both about the field and Paupers' Wood. I hope this will help to clarify some of the details concerning these two sites which the parish council own.

An updated Emergency Plan is getting closer, with a provisional document being discussed prior to publication. The Welcome to Nacton guide will be updated and put on the website. Also, the Maintenance Plan for the council to follow is a stage closer.

Over the coming months the council will be creating a new 5 year plan for the parish. If anyone has thoughts about the type of project we should be considering, [please contact the clerk](#) with your ideas.

In the autumn, the hedge around Victoria field will have some replanting where spaces have occurred. Much of the new hedge is now growing well and the aim is to maintain this at about 1.5m in height.

Finally, councillors are concerned that new residents of the parish may not be aware of these newsletters. If anyone is aware of a resident that fits this category, please ask them to [contact our clerk](#), who will then ensure that they are added to the mailing list.

Cllr. Brian Hunt

Village Sign



Nacton's new sign is now complete. Suffolk County Council kindly made a donation to the planter around the bottom of the sign which has finished it off nicely.

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 will be requesting residents to respond to an online survey which will be issued in the Autumn.

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

Events

Summer is here!

Let's celebrate with a Big Summer Picnic taking place on the sports field on Saturday 13th July.

It starts at 12 noon and runs until 3.00pm. There will be live music from 'The Lightning Club', games and entertainment for children (and adults if they wish to join in) from 2.00pm, refreshments and a large tent in case the weather hasn't got the message that it's Summer.

Bring a blanket and/or camping chairs, bring a picnic and enjoy meeting up with friends old and new.

If you know someone new to the village who is not on our mailing list and would like to receive information about our events, [please email us](#).

NACTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Big Summer Picnic

Saturday 13th July

12 noon – 3.00pm

Sports field

Bring a picnic

Bring your own chairs and blankets

Listen to live music from

'The Lightning Club'

Games for all from 2.00pm

Shelter from inclement weather

Refreshments

No barbecues and no dogs please. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING



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

- 6th July
- 3rd August
- 7th September

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 Meetings:

31st July

25th September

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.

26th June

10th July

24th July

7th August

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



Quiz Night at The Village Hall - 12th October

If you like dredging your minds for obscure facts then join us at our next quiz night.

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.

Meet Councillor Eaton



“Since 2016, Nacton has been a wonderful home for myself, my wife, Jane, and our two daughters (when did they get into their 20s?). Believe it or not this is the longest we have ever lived in one house. A real testament to how happy we are here in Nacton.

My grandfather always used to say that he wished he had the wisdom of age when he was young. As I gradually creep towards being that little bit older I think I am beginning to see some glimmers of wisdom. One of those glimmers is the power of community and how it can enhance and support lives. That was my reason for stepping forward to be a parish councillor. Many years ago I was a parish councillor when we lived in Yorkshire, however now I feel I am doing it properly....in a village in my favourite county of Suffolk.

My goal is simply to help in some way in making our village a vibrant and happy place to live for its parishioners. I work in the insurance industry and hope that I can combine the skills I have acquired during my career in service of that goal. Please let me know if there is anything that you think I can help you with as your Parish Councillor."

Cllr. Angus Eaton

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