



DULLINGHAM

Parish Council News

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Speeding in Village

Speeding vehicles in Dullingham, as with all villages, continues to be an issue and the Parish Council continue to work on this. Unfortunately local residents young and older make up a large proportion of these vehicles, please do consider the rest of the village and the local residents in that area and keep an eye on your speed.

As you are aware the Parish Council have put in white gates on Balsham Lane and are currently working with Highways to have replacement gates put in on A1061 North from Newmarket which are proven to help and mark the start of village. In addition we have a Mobile Vehicle Activated sign (MVAS) which moves around the village, the Parish Council is looking to get a second sign to increase the areas covered and frequency it can be moved. The new sign also records traffic frequency through the day and the speed of vehicles so we can analysis and work with both the police and highways on further actions.

Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to Crescent residents Mr and Mrs Chiwanga for the gift of most of the timber for the white gates on Balsham Lane and Grant Claydon for making them.

If you have any questions on this subject please do contact the Parish Council.

Play Area

The play area on the village green is a great asset to many in the village, the surrounding areas and is used regularly. The equipment in this area is designed for the 12 and under age group.

Whilst it may be tempting to have a go on for instance the zip wire or swing yourself please do refrain from doing so if over this age.

Repairs or replacement of this equipment is very expensive and can make the equipment dangerous. The equipment is due for treatment soon and we would love volunteers to help with this work later in the year. If you would be able to help then please do contact the Parish Council.

Property Boundaries/Overgrown Hedges

The Parish Council would like to urge householders who live adjacent to footpaths, a stream or ditch, to read the attached link. The fence or hedge of a property is not necessarily the boundary.

The problem is that in a number of instances, hedges and brambles are growing from a property over a footpath, pavement or bridleway. Brambles and hedges can cause painful injuries and overhang cause significant obstruction. Especially for those in wheelchairs or with buggies.

Please ensure that all hedges on boundaries are maintained to allow clear passage for all.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/land-registry-plans-boundaries/land-registry-plans-boundaries-practice-guide-40-supplement-3>

Footpaths

The Parish Council is aware that many of the paths and bridle paths are over grown and brambly. We are doing our best to co-operate with landowners to deal with these. If you have a concern over a footpath can we reiterate, that the best method of getting a result is to report the problem online:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/?id=00269560>

Footpaths come under the heading of highways. Then click on Public Rights of Way.

Footpaths 2 & 3 - The walking bus route

Footpath 2 along the side of the school has had both the grass and the hedge cut, also a County Council gate has been installed to permit easier access along the path, including buggies and wheel chairs. Footpath 3, behind Taylors field has now also had a new gate installed, nearer the steps, hopefully preventing incidents of running down the steps unheeded. There is rather a gap to one side but we shall consider how to deal with this. The Parish Council would still like to change the steps to a ramp to further improve this route.

Green at Balsham Lane/Eagle Lane Junction

As you know the various grass areas throughout the village are not cut as regularly as we would like, but the schedule is set across the county and we have little input on this. However, the Parish Council is working with Highways on this subject and looking at alternative solutions to keep the village looking as good as possible.

The Green on the Station Road/Eagle Lane/Balsham Lane junction is one of the first areas that we all see when coming into the village from station end and a small team of volunteers have been keeping this grass cut and keeping the branches cut back on the path amongst other things in this area. We hope you would agree this is looking very good now and our thanks to all involved.

Streetlight

The streetlight outside the King's Head has been sawn off at approx. 1m from the ground. If anyone has seen or heard of how this could have happened, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jayne Weaver.

The Parish Council has had no notification of this incident!

Village Green Use

If you wish to use the Green for an event or parking then please contact the Parish Council. We can then send you the required booking form to complete, along with directions on its use.

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