



COLBY AND BANNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

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PARISH COUNCIL

2010-2011

June 2011

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

To follow on from my comments in the March Newsletter, at the Annual Meeting we had summaries of all the council's activities which emphasised that the past year has been one of consolidation and maintenance. "Wild About Colby" have continued the environmental aims of the Parish Plan and were Highly Commended in the District Council Environmental Awards 2010 for their work to the copse area of the playing field. Colby School continues to go from strength to strength and I wish them success for the future.

Highways is always a popular topic—we are now told that they have caught up with the winter maintenance work. Re-surfacing is not on the agenda until 2013, however.

Training has featured strongly on the Agenda over the past year. Councillors who attend courses and meetings report back and share information—on a lighter note, some of the more informal café clusters arranged by the Norfolk Association of Parish Council had been assessed as much on the quality of the refreshments as the topics under debate! On that note, our thanks to Sylvia Keeler for the delicious refreshments at Parish Council meetings. Both Sylvia Keeler and Stuart Clarke retired from the Council at the May elections—a huge thank you to them, and to all the Councillors and the Clerk, for their hard work and support over the past year.

To get this year off to a good start, Colby & Banningham 's team won the small villages section of the North Norfolk heat of the Village Games—we are looking forward to the final on 4 September at the UEA Sportspark.

Nigel Grix

Parish, District & County Councillors

There are seven seats on the Parish Council.
There are currently 2 vacancies

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Sylvia Keeler (retired May 2011)

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*Parish Council
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the Jubilee Hall,
Banningham, on the
2nd Tuesday of each
month, at 8p.m. from
April to October*

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*2nd Tuesday of each
month, at 8p.m. from
April to October
inclusive and at
7.30p.m. from
October to February
inclusive. The March
Parish Council
Meeting follows the
Annual Parish
Meeting
Coffee and tea are
available before all
meetings so that you
can chat informally
with Councillors*

What the Parish Council does

The Neech Loan Fund

was set up to give start-up loans to help new small local businesses in a defined area around North Walsham. The maximum of £5000 and interest rates are favourable. The Clerk to the Trustees is Margaret Foster, North Walsham Town Clerk, tel 01692 404114 for more information.

Colby & Banningham is represented on the Board of Trustees by Mark Howarth.

The Parish Council is responsible for:

- Allotments on Colby Road— all taken at present with a small waiting list
- The Village Hall—with the Management Committee
- Playing Field on Bridge Road
- Banningham Village Green
- Grants for Churchyard maintenance

The Council is consulted on planning applications for Banningham and Colby, and various documents locally, regionally and nationally. The Council is represented on the Neech Loan Fund Board, and works closely with District & County Councils, the Police and other agencies, Good links are maintained with Colby School, which goes from strength to strength with an ever increasing range of activities, both during and after school.

In the coming year, the Parish Council will start a review of the Parish Plan, consider re-accreditation under the Quality Parish Scheme, and continue to ensure that principal authorities, government agencies and other groups have a clear indication of the community's needs and priorities.

Where your money went last year

Precept for the financial year 2010/2011 was £14,250 (£1250 less than the previous year) and the balance brought forward from previous year, including earmarked reserves, was £19,061

Income:	
Precept	£ 14,250.00
EDF Wayleave	£ 39.00
Bank Interest	£ 4.00
Allot. Rents	£ 60.00
VAT repaid	£ 774.00
Misc.	£ 1934.00
Total:	£17,061.00

Expenditure:	
Administration	£ 3315.00
S.137 (wreaths,)	£ 33.00
Village Hall	£ 6799.00
Ch'yd grants	£ 570.00*
Village Green	£ 580.00
Playing Field	£ 815.00
VAT paid	£ 393.00
Other -subs,	£ 354.00
Total	£12859.00
Balance carried forward, including earmarked reserves of £11,713 was £22,263	
Full details available from the Clerk.	

Our parish has 431 electors—the cost per elector for all the parish council services last financial year was £33.06, or per Band D property (the base used by the District Council) it was £68.50. Compared to other parishes in the District, it is high due to the variety of services provided

Jubilee Hall, Banningham

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*2 years payments

Banningham Village Green

The Parish Council will consult nearby residents for their views about tree planting on the green,

It is important to maintain the right balance of planting and general open space for everyone to enjoy

The Village Green is a focal point of the village, and continues to be very well maintained by Steve's Landscape Garden Services (as do the playing field, the areas around the Village Signs, and the grass and banks at the Village Hall).

The Bowling Green is leased to the Bowls Club, but there is the facility to "pay and play" - contact the Club for details. Correct footwear only please!

Don't forget the fete on Saturday 16 July as part of our fund raising weekend towards the Diamond Jubilee next year.

Future plans include more trees, and the Parish Council was extremely pleased to accept the donation of a bench from Greenfingers Gardening Club in memory of the late Bryan Hall, a loyal supporter of village activities.

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Jubilee Hall, Banningham—The Village Hall

This year has been one of maintenance rather than improvements as such, although several projects are in the pipeline, most importantly the refurbishment of the toilets.

The hall continues to be well used, although bookings—and therefore income—are down on previous years. We lost the mobile gym as it was not well supported, and the Committee suspended the monthly games evenings, as they didn't seem to appeal to many residents.

The Archive Evening last October was also cancelled due to lack of support, do residents really want to have social events and fund raisers at the Village Hall—let us know! No-one other than Committee members came to the Annual General Meeting—so does that mean everyone is happy ??!! The Committee reviewed the hire charges and decided against an increase. The hall is EXTREMELY GOOD VALUE, compared to other local venues, and you can also book the bar for your functions.

The Committee is looking at applications for grant funding to improve the acoustics in the hall, and provide a dishwasher for the kitchen.

No increase in hire charges

Planned toilet re-furbishment ...

Plans to improve the acoustics.....

Also looking at alternative uses for the Snooker Room ...

Wild About Colby

We entered the North Norfolk Environment Awards and eagerly awaited the judges—who were late, which just added to the tension! We were happy with Highly Commended—we just couldn't compete with Sheringham Park!

Advice was taken on the possibilities for the old quarry site on Mill Road—we hoped it might qualify as a County Wildlife site—unfortunately not, too small and no rare species.

One of this year's highlights was the Bat walk led by Sam Phillips of the Norwich Bat group. Pippistrelle bats were detected on the playing field and in the copse of poplars at the bottom of Colby Corner. Future plans are to buy a bat detector and organise our own walks.

Lots of people came to the Bug and Spider Day, when with Pip Collyer of the Norfolk Spider Group and Tony Morris from the Norwich Museum we had the opportunity to look through a microscope at the biggest and smallest bugs in the world.

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Success in the Environment Awards

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The Playing Field on Bridge Road—Update

The grassed surface remains in good condition thanks to the land drainage system, which continues to work efficiently. The Committee is still seeking funding to create a small car park on the field—but cars are not high up on the “green” agenda! Some second-hand picnic benches have been sourced and following some minor repairs will be ready for installation once the car park is complete.

Our thanks to Wild About Colby for their work on the copse—some fixed benches made from recycled timber donated by the Playing Field Working Party have been located at agreed points in the copse.

The Council remains committed to implementing the agreed plan—six-a-side goal nets next!

Dog fouling on the field remains an issue—please remember your responsibilities and clear up after your dogs!



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This is a summary of the Council's work during 2010/2011.

Your Parish Council is recognised as one of the most pro-active small councils in the North Norfolk District, thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Members, and support from residents.



Proving the popularity of "growing your own" !!!!



Summer Fund Raising Weekend Programme:

Friday 15 July

Walking Treasure Hunt around the Villages - starting from Colby Primary School arrive between 6 and 7p.m. £1 per person, 50p for children

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Saturday 16 July

Traditional fete on the village green from 2p.m. to 5p.m - stalls, including various crafts, tombola, cakes, produce, amateur radio, books/CDs/DVDs a variety of sideshows and games, ending with a grand Tug-o-War - Banningham against Colby. Refreshments throughout the afternoon in the new bowls pavilion, and a BBQ on the green.

Parking in The Crown Car Park and Village Hall car park.

In the event of wet weather, the fete will be held in the Village Hall.

Sunday 17 July

Red Beans 'n' Rice Dixieland Jazz Band will play in the garden of The Crown from 1.30p.m. At 2.45p.m. there will be the broly parade around the village green - bring your decorated brollies and join in - into the Church for more music.

All proceeds towards a celebration for HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012