

Welcome to the Easton Parish Council page of The Grapevine. My name is Heidi Frary, as you may know, I became clerk on 1st October 2015. I started clerking in 2004 just down the road with Barford & Wrampingham Parish Council where I still remain, but since then have worked with other Parish and Town Councils as a permanent clerk and also as a locum for the Norfolk Association of Local Councils. My contact details can be found inside the front cover of this newsletter and also on the Easton Parish Council website. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Update from the October meeting

It was hoped that there would be a presentation by Anglian Water to discuss the works which need to be completed along Marlingford Way, however the presentation was postponed until the November meeting. The public forum session included questions on transparency and filming of meetings as well as information about the potential sale of Parish land. District & County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury also gave an update from the District and County Councils.

The latest Neighbourhood Plan report was shared, and the Council were thrilled to have already received a grant towards the project – all the details can be found on the website and also at the Neighbourhood Plan workshop and Parish Council drop in on 31st October 2pm – 5pm at Easton Village Hall. The Council are keen to represent the views of residents, and the only way they can do this is by finding out people's opinions and suggestions so please do pop in if you can and find out about the project.

Highways have informed the Parish Council that there are hoped to be some repairs to alleviate flooding along Marlingford Road.

There have been no further complaints about noise from the showground, but if you are disturbed please e-mail me so that I can maintain a log of issues, evidence is always crucial if there is the need to complain in the future.

Linda Ford (Chair) reported that she is looking to forge links with neighbouring parishes to try and support each other. A key cross-parish issue that she will look to discuss imminently is traffic and rat running along rural roads.

The Council are hoping to work with the Village Hall Committee to provide a defibrillator in the village. There has been much work done (information on the website), and, once a site has been agreed, a group of volunteers will begin fundraising. Please look out for flyers and information at the Village Hall and Parish Council meetings.

Following a letter from a resident, there was a discussion about the vacancy left by the sad passing of Dennis Barrow. Since the meeting, on Friday 16th October at 4pm South Norfolk Council announced that Mark Caton had been elected unopposed to the Parish Council.

Correspondence included the route of the City of Norwich half marathon route for 22nd November and the road closures that will be caused by this and the map is available on our website. We also received a letter explaining Parish Partnership funding from Highways. This is a scheme where Parish Councils can request match funding from Highways for improvements within the Parish. It was suggested that a sign for Lower Easton to inform HGV lorries that the road narrows to a single lane would be very welcome to avoid the current problems of lorries entering what they believe is a wide road, only to get stuck further along. I will be finding out about this and reporting to the November meeting. If you have any other suggestions or views please let me know.

Minutes and all papers from meetings will be posted on the new look website as soon after the meeting as possible – please do take a look at www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk. Along with the Council facebook page it contains useful information about the Council and updates about projects.

I look forward to meeting more residents at the next Parish Council meeting on 8th November at 7.30pm at Easton Village Hall. Public are welcomed to speak during the Public Participation session.