**Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 29)**

A very Merry Christmas to everyone from all the members of the Parish Council. We have once again installed a Christmas tree at the entrance to Carbrooke churchyard and hope that you have a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

**We are seeking to reduce anti social behaviour, including anti social drinking, in Carbrooke. If you are aware of incidents of anti social behaviour, it would help us if you could report it (with photographs) to** [**www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit**](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit) **Evidence can be used to implement a public drinking ban at various locations in the parish. If you are affected by or witness instances of drinking or drink related anti social behaviour, report this immediately to the non-emergency 101 police line (or use 999 for an emergency.**

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

**We are looking to grant fund the purchase of Outdoor Fitness equipment at Blenheim Grange and the Millennium Green. We would appreciate your help regarding this idea. If you can spare a few moments to complete, there is a short survey at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RNXH3CS. We would be grateful for your support.**

The Parish Council is repairing various pieces of play equipment at Blenheim Grange. This includes resetting the edges of the roundabout and replacing one of the horizontal log climbers. We are waiting for our contractor to repair the trampoline. In the meantime, we will be installing a solar powered light next to the path near the play area.

**Please remember that whilst the play area is open we are unable to regularly sanitise the equipment and the equipment has not been sterilised. All users are reminded to wash or sanitise your hands before and after using the equipment. We would appreciate your support during this difficult time.**

A Water Drainage Group has been formed to tackle the problems of flooding in the parish. A report by the group has been submitted to Norfolk County Council on behalf of residents. If you would like to contact the group, please email Lucy Defew (lucy@redlemons.net) or Tony Coppen (tonycoppen@btinternet.com)

We are always looking to improve what we do. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact the Council at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com. Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held online on Tuesday 12 January at 7pm. Why not join the meeting and see what we do. If you would like to join the meeting please let the Parish Clerk know by no later than 5pm on 11 January. For more information, please go to our website at [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) or contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 28)**

With a second lockdown in place, Breckland Council is contacting all vulnerable residents who were previously on its list. Any resident who is self isolating can contact the Council for help. Isolation grants are available from Breckland Council. A £6 million support package has been launched to help the District’s businesses through lockdown. Claims can be made through the Breckland Council website.

Carbrooke Fuel Allotment Charity will be distributing its annual grants. To be in receipt of a December grant you need to meet the following criteria. As long as you have been resident in Carbrooke parish for over two years; are over 65 years of age, or are in receipt of Disability Allowance; please contact Derek Watts, Dove Barn (on the corner of Summer Lane and Drury Lane) to register your application (Tel 01953 882755). The deadline for applications is 30 November 2020.

Remembrance Day wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council at the church and the Blenheim Grange war memorials. The Blenheim Grange Residents Association laid a wreath at the Watton war memorial.

The Parish Council is repairing various pieces of play equipment at Blenheim Grange. This includes resetting the edges of the roundabout and replacing one of the horizontal log climbers. We are waiting for our contractor to repair the trampoline.

**Please remember that whilst the play area is open we are unable to regularly sanitise the equipment and the equipment has not been sterilised. All users are reminded to wash or sanitise your hands before and after using the equipment. We would appreciate your support during this difficult time.**

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy. Please report all incidents of anti social drinking and anti social behaviour to Breckland Council. This will add support to our case for a drinking ban on the estate.

A Water Drainage Group has been formed to tackle the problems of flooding in the parish. A report by the group has been submitted to Norfolk County Council on behalf of residents. If you would like to contact the group, please email Lucy Defew (lucy@redlemon.net) or Tony Coppen (tonycoppen@btinternet.com)

We are always looking to improve what we do. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact the Council at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com. Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held online on Tuesday 8 December at 7pm. Why not join the meeting and see what we do. If you would like to join the meeting please let the Parish Clerk know by no later than 5pm on 7 December. For more information, please go to our website at [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) or contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 27)**

**We are looking to grant fund the purchase of Outdoor Fitness equipment at Blenheim Grange and the Millennium Green. We would appreciate your help regarding this idea. If you can spare a few moments to complete, there is a short survey at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RNXH3CS. We would be grateful for your support.**

The Parish Council is repairing various pieces of play equipment at Blenheim Grange. This includes resetting the edges of the roundabout and replacing one of the horizontal log climbers. We are waiting for our contractor to repair the trampoline. Please remember that whilst the play area is open we are unable to regularly sanitise the equipment and the equipment has not been sterilised. All users are reminded to wash or sanitise your hands before and after using the equipment. We would appreciate your support during this difficult time.

We are seeking an anti social drinking ban on all the open spaces at Blenheim Grange and would urge you to send any complaints you have either about drinking or the amount of litter on the estate to Breckland Council. This will help to add weight to our case.

**We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.**

A Water Drainage Group has been formed to tackle the problems of flooding in the parish. The Group has met a representative of Norfolk County Council. A report by the group will be submitted to Norfolk County Council by the Parish Council on behalf of residents. If you would like to contact the group, please email Lucy Defew (lucy@redlemon.net) or Tony Coppen (tonycoppen@btinternet.com)

The Council is pressing Norfolk County Council for a date when the new central reservation at Norwich Road will be installed and the speed limit on Norwich Road reduced to 30mph.

The Council continues to press the housing consortium to complete the road adoptions at Blenheim Grange.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 26)**

The September meeting of the Parish Council was attended by seven members of the public, both with regard to flooding and a planning application. The Council was asked about the recent flooding and what could be done to reduce the risk of further flooding. It was noted that following the rainfall of 15/16 August an investigation will be carried out by Norfolk County Council’s Flood and Water Management Team. The investigation will culminate in the production of a Flood Investigation report covering rainfall intensity and impact, the response of relevant organisations and the likely causes of flooding. The Parish Council proposed the establishment of a Water Drainage Group similar to that which exists in Watton. The Parish Council will stand behind the group, which it hopes will comprise residents and some councillors.

The Council welcomed a new member, Lucy Defew, who has been co-opted onto the Council. The Council now has its full complement of members.

**We are looking to grant fund the purchase of Outdoor Fitness equipment at Blenheim Grange and the Millennium Green. We would appreciate your help regarding this idea. If you can spare a few moments to complete, there is a short survey at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RNXH3CS. We would be grateful for your support.**

The Parish Council has agreed to make further repairs to the trampoline at Blenheim Grange, but unfortunately if the equipment is damaged again the Council will have no alternative other than to remove it.

**We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.**

The Council is waiting for a date from Norfolk County Council as to when the central reservation at Norwich Road will be installed and the speed limit on Norwich Road reduced to 30mph.

Household hazardous waste drop off days are set for September and October. Visitors to the recycling centres will be able to drop off items such as paint, thinners, varnishes and wood preservatives. To find out more go to [www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste%20)

We are always looking to improve what we do. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact the Council at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com. Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held online on Tuesday October 13 at 7pm. Why not join the meeting and see what we do. If you would like to join the meeting please let the Parish Clerk know by no later than 5pm on October 12.

For more information, please go to our website at [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) or contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492.

  **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 25)**

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues that affect the parish from planning and speeding to the maintenance of Blenheim Grange and assets throughout the parish. We meet once a month (on the second Tuesday of the month). If you would like more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council has reopened the play area at Blenheim Grange in accordance with Government guidelines. The Millennium Green has also been reopened. The Parish Council would like to note that unfortunately we are unable to regularly sanitise the equipment and the equipment has not been sterilised. We have erected signage advising all users to maintain social distance in accordance with Government guidelines and to wash or sanitise their hands before and after using the equipment. We would appreciate your support during this difficult time.

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The Parish Council has made a grant of £500 to Carbrooke Heritage Group to help with the conservation of a Civil War suit of armour belonging to the parish. We have also made a grant to the Blenheim Grange Residents Association to cover their insurance costs. The Parish Council will continue to support a community award at the school to promote community work among the children.

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We will shortly be cutting back the undergrowth at the front of Blenheim Grange and are looking to install a litter bin at the second of the bus shelters near Washington Drive.

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For more information, please go to our website at [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) or contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 24)**

The Parish Council has held its first online meeting. The meeting was attended by all the current members of the Council, together with Breckland councillor Helen Crane and Norfolk County councillor Claire Bowes.

The Council welcomed a new member, Georgia Long, who has been co-opted onto the Council.

The Council noted the resignation of another councillor, Jim Lorne. In consequence there is a vacancy on the Council. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues that affect the parish from planning and speeding to the maintenance of Blenheim Grange. We meet once a month (on the second Tuesday of the month). If you would like more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council is pressing ahead with a road crossing at the junction of Norwich Road and Washington Drive. The work will be carried out in conjunction with Norfolk County Council. At the same time, a new 30mph speed limit will be introduced. This is another safety measure proposed by the Parish Council.

Over the course of the last two months, we have been cleaning and staining the parish noticeboards and benches, as well as the Village sign. At the meeting, it was agreed to install a second parish noticeboard at the Ash Tree estate in order to keep residents informed of the Council’s activities.

As residents will be aware, the play areas at Blenheim Grange and the Millennium Green have been closed in accordance with Government guidelines. These will re-open as soon as permitted.

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held online on Tuesday 14 July at 7pm. Why not join the meeting and see what we do. If you would like to join the meeting please let the Parish Clerk know by no later than 5pm on 10 July.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 23)**

Sue Dekeyzer has stepped down from the Parish Council. We would like to thank her for all her hard work. In consequence, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues that affect the parish from planning and speeding to the maintenance of Blenheim Grange. We meet once a month (on the second Tuesday of the month). If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

Members of the Parish Council will be meeting local MP, George Freeman, to discuss the inadequacy of the walking route to the school, as well as parking at the school and the problems this causes. The results of the meeting will be reported in next month’s news sheet.

The Parish Council is pressing ahead with its plans for a road crossing at the junction of Norwich Road and Washington Drive and is to receive a generous donation toward the cost from Bdw Homes (responsible for the new development at Knights Park). The work will be carried out in the spring.

Bdw Homes has also make a donation of £500 toward the purchase of a new noticeboard at Knights Park. The Parish Council will cover the remainder of the cost.

The Parish Council has made a grant of £500 for the purchase of equipment to help maintain the village churchyard.

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. A recent litter pick by a member of the Parish Council produced 20 bags of rubbish, much of which would have been recyclable if it had not been contaminated with dog waste.

We would be grateful for your help in reducing the amount of litter on the estate. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 March at 7pm in the Village Hall. Why not come along and see what we do.

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CARBROOKE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**Sixth EDITION – February – March 2020**

Well Happy New Year to everyone. There will be a lot of events going on in the village this year as you will be able to see below. I have also included some dates for your diaries for things happening in advance, so you don’t miss out.

I have been asked to include a piece from the Parish Council regarding the parking at Carbrooke village School. I hope it will be useful for everyone to read however if you have any questions please contact Nick on the e-mail provided, but please feel free to send me any of your thoughts or feelings on this or anything else in the newsletter at this email address carbrookenewsletter@gmail.com and I will forward them on to Nick.

Village Church

Things that are going on at our beautiful church over the next 2 months;

2nd February Family Communion 10.30am

9th February Family Service 10.30am

16th February Holy Communion 10.30am

23rd February Ley-Led Service 10.30am

1st March Family Communion Service 10.30am

8th March Family Service 10.30am

**13th March Quiz night at village hall 7.30pm**

15th March Holy Communion 10.30am

22nd March Ley-Led Service 10.30am

29th March Group Service 10.30am

**5th April AGM after Sunday service at 12noon (all welcome)**

**Village** **Hall**

To hire the hall, you can get a booking form from the bar when it is open or you can email them on info@carbrookevillagehall.co.uk, or phone no. 01953 883577 and leave a message on the answer phone. All the details of the hall can be found on the Carbrooke website.

 **DO YOU SEW OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?**

We are setting up a sewing group at Carbrooke Village Hall, and we are looking for like-minded people with or without experience to join us. This is with a view to undertake small projects for the village and local charities. The first meeting will take place on 14th February 10.30am to 12.30pm at Carbrooke Village Hall and refreshments will be provided. We are planning to have the meetings on a two-weekly basis at the beginning. A small contribution will be asked for to cover the costs of the Hall. For further information please ring 01953 886915 or 01953 885533. We look forward to seeing you.

**Village** **heritage** **group** – **meets** **in** **the** **church** carbrookehistory.co.uk/history

Thursday 26th March 7.30pm a Talk “Sign of a Norfolk Summer” the history of a Norfolk Village Sign with refreshments in village hall

Thursday 18th June 7pm A talk by John Lord – Flint Knapper

**Village hall 4cs café – Wednesdays 10am until midday**

Welcome to the 4Cs Café this stands for Coffee, Cake, Chat & Craft. We haven’t had much in the way of crafts going on but hope to resolve that soon! We are always happy to see new faces! We ask a donation of £2.00 for coffee and a piece of cake.

**Village hall bar Friday evenings 7.30pm to 11pm**

The bar will be open every Friday from 7.30pm onwards.

 It is also being opened on a fortnightly basis on a Sunday lunchtime from Midday until 2pm.

**Village pre-school / Village School**

Wednesday 26th February 9am Church service Value Wisdom (All welcome)

Friday 1st April Easter Service in Church at 9am (All Welcome)

**Millennium** **Green**

The Millennium green is now registered as a good cause in the Breckland lottery. For every 1-pound ticket bought where the green is nominated as the supported good cause the green receives 50p towards its maintenance costs. If we achieve 50 ticket sales, we can also apply for significant grant money towards improvements projects. It’s a very cost-effective way to support the green and have a chance of a monetary prize.

**Carbrooke websites**

[www.carbrookeonline.co.uk](http://www.carbrookeonline.co.uk) (Village website with the latest news, events & covering all village groups.

[www.carbrookeepc.info](http://www.carbrookeepc.info) (Parish Council website)

**Yoga classes**

Yoga in the Village Hall – Suitable for all levels

Monday 7-8pm

Wednesday 7-8pm

Thursday 7-8pm (Absolute beginners)

Contact Debbie on 01953 889401 deb@yogavision.co.uk [www.yogavision.co.uk](http://www.yogavision.co.uk)

**Dates for your diary**

**Carbrooke Singers**

If anyone is interested in joining or coming along to see what we do please feel free we can always do with more people, we also work alongside Watton Church so some of the practices will be at their church.

**Carbrooke Village Quiz**

Friday 13th March 7.30pm Village Quiz teams of 4 price £3.50 per person, there will be nibbles and a raffle, and the bar will be open.

**Village Hall**

Saturday 11th April. We will be holding a “Sole Music Night” Tickets will be £10 and this will include a fish & chip supper, included in the evening will be a quiz and some prizes. Time still to be announced but it will be an evening event. Tickets will be on sale at [www.carbrookeonline.co.uk](http://www.carbrookeonline.co.uk) or from the village hall Bar on a Friday evening or the Coffee Morning on a Wednesday.

**Parish Council**

At the first Parish Council meeting of the new year, the Council considered Norfolk County Council’s decision not to reinstate the school bus. The Parish Council also remains concerned by the inadequacy of the designated walking route to the school. Two members of the Parish Council have walked the walking route with the school’s head and a member of Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council recognises that the walking route is not safe for pedestrians.

The loss of the school bus and the inadequacy of the walking route have contributed to the increase of traffic at the school. The school’s head attended the Parish Council meeting and explained that the school is doing everything it can to relieve traffic congestion. Mrs Wheeler said that she stands outside the school at dropping off and picking up times, and actively discourages parents from parking where they should not. Regular bulletins are placed in the school’s newsletter asking for courteous parking. Mrs Wheeler has requested visits from the Police and Civil Enforcement. She noted the school has more pupils; that there is now a nursery on site; and that there is no school bus, all of which have increased the amount of traffic. In the mornings, the school has arranged staggered starts for pupils in order to alleviate some of the traffic congestion. She noted that in the afternoons, there are some 200 pupils leaving the school. The Council will be requesting support from the local MP, George Freeman.

If you would like to reply to this, please use the contact below.

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Nick Hartley

carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 22)**

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a happy new year.

At the first Council meeting of the new year, the Council considered Norfolk County Council’s refusal to reinstate the school bus. The Parish Council also remains concerned by the inadequacy of the designated walking route to the school. Two members of the Parish Council have walked the walking route from the Aerolite Garage with the school’s head and a member of Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council recognises that the walking route is not safe for pedestrians.

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The Parish Council considered a proposal from Griston Parish Council for a review of the boundary between Griston and Carbrooke at Blenheim Grange. There are some twenty five to thirty houses near the play area which are currently in Griston. The Council resolved to agree to a Boundary Review.

The Council concluded its budget for 2020/21 and set the precept (the amount requested from Breckland Council to fund the Parish Council’s activities on behalf of the community) at £35,000. As part of this, the Council will be replacing the worn matting around the swings in the play area at Blenheim Grange.

The Council is also applying for grants for new Outdoor Fitness equipment at Blenheim Grange and the Millennium Green. We will be asking residents to complete a short questionnaire to support our applications.

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CARBROOKE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**Fifth EDITION – December 2019/January 2020**

**Christmas Message:**

December, when the days are short. We huddle around the fire (or the radiators) opening Advent calendars, rushing around spending money, putting up decorations, writing cards, preparing various culinary delights, and all the other things that this season of the year brings with it. Also, being a wife and Mum and Grandmother, as well as a Vicar, I am no exception (except for the culinary delights, which end up more like culinary disasters).

So why do we put ourselves through all this? It surely has very little to do with celebrating the birth of the Christ child, it’s perhaps more about enjoying the celebration for its own sake, indulging ourselves and our loved ones, keeping in touch with people and wishing them well. Perhaps we might even try to believe that it might just be possible to achieve that joy and peace which we wish everyone in our cards. There is nothing wrong with that.

Except it is not the whole story. Christians believe that the birth of Jesus was an incredible event, not just a childhood story. The coming of Jesus fulfilled 300 prophecies in the Old Testament, prophecies given centuries before. God came to earth as a human being and he showed us that we can live holy lives, lives full of joy and peace. But, in order to live joyful and peaceful lives, we have to change. We have to put aside our own self-centered, sinful nature and, with God’s help, work towards becoming the people that God intended us to be; loved, valued people who love and value others in return.

I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Revd Jane Atkins

Thank you all for your thoughts on how the church can be used for the whole village on a daily basis rather than just on a Sunday. However, if anyone had trouble sending me any articles, I have redone the contact email and it does now work. So please email me at carbrookenewsletter@gmail.com

 **I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.**

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29th November (Friday) 7pm Village Quiz teams of 4/ £3.50 per member held in village hall - Nibbles – Bar open - Raffle

30th November (Saturday) Village Bazaar in village hall 10am – 3pm

**Village Church**

Things that are going on at our beautiful church over the next 2 months;

**1st** **December Candlelit Advent Service** **Darkness into** **Light 6.30pm**

8th Family Service 10.30am Also St. John Ambulance Carol Service at 3pm All welcome

15th December Holy Communion 10.30am

16th December Monday School Carol Service

18th December Wednesday School Christingle

**22nd December Village Carols by candlelight Service 4pm everyone welcome**

29th December No Service at Carbrooke group service at Ovington at 10.30pm

5th January Family Communion Service 10.30am

12th January Family service 10.30am

19th January Holy Communion 10.3am

26th January Ley-Led Service 10.30am

**Village** **heritage** **group** – **meets** **in** **the** **church** carbrookehistory.co.uk/history

A big thank you to everyone who supported the book launch and the tea party. A good time was had by all.

**Village hall 4cs café – Wednesdays 10am until midday**

Welcome to the 4Cs Café this stands for Coffee, Cake, Chat & Craft. We haven’t had much in the way of crafts going on but hope to resolve that soon! We are always happy to see new faces! We ask a donation of £2.00 for coffee and a piece of cake.

**Village hall bar Friday evenings 7.30pm to 11pm**

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 It is also being opened on a fortnightly basis on a Sunday lunchtime from Midday until 2pm.

Village bar will be opening over Christmas as follows:

Friday 20th December normal times

Tuesday 24th December Usual hours All welcome and any nibbles would be much appreciated to make it a Festive Time.

New Years Eve 31st December All welcome and there will be food (any contributions will be greatly appreciated) and music too. Open until midnight

Friday 3rd January usual hours

Sunday 5th January usual hours

**The bar will Not be open on the following days**

Sunday 22nd December

Friday 27th December

**Village** **pre**-**school /** Village **School**

Saturday 30th November 10am Christmas Bazaar

Monday 16th December 6pm School Carol Service (In church) All welcome

Wednesday 18th December 2pm School Christingle (In church) Al welcome

**Millennium** **Green**

The Millennium green is now registered as a good cause in the Breckland lottery. For every 1-pound ticket bought where the green is nominated as the supported good cause the green receives 50p towards its maintenance costs. If we achieve 50 ticket sales, we can also apply for significant grant money towards improvements projects. It’s a very cost-effective way to support the green and also have a chance of a monetary prize.

**Carbrooke websites**

[www.carbrookeonline.co.uk](http://www.carbrookeonline.co.uk) (Village website with the latest news, events & covering all village groups.

[www.carbrookeepc.info](http://www.carbrookeepc.info) (Parish Council website)

**Dates for your diary**

**Yoga classes**

Yoga in the Village Hall – Suitable for all levels

Monday 7-8pm

Wednesday 7-8pm

Thursday 7-8pm (Absolute beginners)

Contact Debbie on 01953 889401 deb@yogavision.co.uk [www.yogavision.co.uk](http://www.yogavision.co.uk)

**Carbrooke Singers**

If anyone is interested in joining or coming along to see what we do please feel free we can always do with more people, we also work alongside Watton Church so some of the practices will be at their church. Especially with Christmas coming up.

**Carbrooke Village Quiz**

Friday 29th November at the village hall, teams of 4, price £3.50 per person. There will be nibbles and a raffle. Bar will be open. Start time 7pm We look forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Bazaar**

The Christmas Bazaar is on 30th November 10am in the Village Hall / The church will also be open so please do come and have a look around.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 21)**

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it will once again be providing a Christmas tree and lights at the front of Carbrooke church. The tree will be in place by the end of November.

At its November meeting, it was noted that the Parish Council has requested a visit from the Civil Enforcement team to the village school regarding the problems caused by parking. This will be taking place shortly.

The Council is waiting for a response from two Cabinet members at Norfolk County Council over the Parish Council’s request to reinstate the school bus.

Carbrooke Fuel Allotment will be distributing its annual grants. To be in receipt of a December grant you need to meet the following criteria. As long as you have been resident in Carbrooke parish for over two years; are over 65 years of age, or are in receipt of Handicapped Allowance; please contact Derek Watts, Dove Barn (on the corner of Summer Lane and Drury Lane) to register your application (Tel 01953 882755). The deadline for applications is 30 November 2019.

Grants are available for community groups for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day in 2020. For more information, please visit Breckland Council’s website.

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing this. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

The Parish Council will be installing a road crossing at the junction of Norwich Road and Washington Drive. This is to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the road, particularly those using the bus. The work will be undertaken in the New Year.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 20)**

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Grants are available for community groups for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day in 2020. For more information, please visit Breckland Council’s website.

Breckland Council is reporting that flytipping is down in the second quarter of this year. Fines have been issued to offenders. If you witness or wish to report a flytip, please report to Breckland Council online or by telephone.

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The Parish Council will be installing a road crossing at the junction of Norwich Road and Washington Drive. This is to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the road, particularly those using the bus. The work will be undertaken in the New Year.

The Council is pressing Norfolk County Council for the reinstatement of the school bus and has presented the County Council with fresh evidence to support its case. We are still waiting for a full reply from Norfolk County Council, but hope to be able to report progress regarding this shortly.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 19)**

The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has made grants to three village organisations. The largest grant is toward the maintenance of Carbrooke churchyard. The Council believes it is important to look after this important area and has made a grant of £500, together with a donation of £1,700 from the amount allocated for grants. The Parish Council has also made a grant of £500 to the Millennium Green Trust, together with a donation of £800. The Green is another area which the Council believes to be of vital importance to the parish. The Council has also made a grant of £500 to Blenheim Grange Residents Association to help with the cost of its insurance premium and for a new PA system. The Council considers grants on an annual basis. For more information please visit our website [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) to see if your group or organisation is eligible.

The Council is pressing Norfolk County Council for the reinstatement of the school bus and has presented the County Council with fresh evidence to support it case. We hope to be able to report progress regarding this shortly.

The Council is also continuing to work for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety at the Washington Drive entrance to Blenheim Grange from Norwich Road and hopes to be able to report progress regarding this soon.

At Blenheim Grange, the Council has cut back overhanging branches and weed killed the fencing next to Norwich Road. We are also continuing to have the flower beds maintained and the next bout of work will take place soon. The damaged fence panel on Norwich Road has been replaced.

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing this. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 18)**

The Council is delighted to report that Norfolk county councillor Claire Bowes, who represents Carbrooke, is to use her members’ budget to fund the creation of a uniform 30mph speed limit on Norwich Road from Blenheim Grange to the Flying Fish. This is in response to a request from the Parish Council.

The Council is continuing to work for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety at the Washington Drive entrance to Blenheim Grange from Norwich Road and hopes to be able to report progress regarding this shortly.

The Council is pressing Norfolk County Council for much needed improvements to the walking route to and from the school. This is not being cut regularly and is considered totally unsuitable. The Council believes that the school bus should be reinstated and will be carrying out a publicised walk on the designated route to the school towards the end of summer./early autumn, together with children, parents and teachers from the school to highlight its dangers and impracticalities. More details to follow closer to the time.

The Council will be cutting back overhanging branches at Blenheim Grange and weedkilling at the front of Norwich Road. This work will take place over the summer.

The damaged fence panel on Norwich Road will be replaced.

We remain concerned by the amount of litter at Blenheim Grange, particularly in and around the play area, and near the two war memorials. We would be grateful for your help in reducing this. There are several litter bins around the play area and two at the war memorials. Please help us to eliminate the litter so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 17)**

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome four new members - Veronica Colley, Jim Lorne, Graham Redfern and Phil Sampher, who has returned to the Council.

The Council has now reached its designated number of nine members. We currently meet on alternate months at Blenheim Grange and in the Village Hall. In consequence of our increased numbers and the limited amount of space in the Community Cabin, the Council no longer feels the Cabin is large enough to accommodate its members, as well as members of the public wishing to attend Council meetings. We therefore propose to hold our meetings in the Village Hall and/or Carbrooke church until such time as the new Community Centre is built at Blenheim Grange. If you have any comments regarding this proposal, we would be grateful if you would email the parish clerk to the council carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

**Diary Date**. The Parish Council is laying on a bus to take residents of Blenheim Grange and the three other Norwich Road estates to and from the Summer Fete in the older part of the parish (near the school and the Village Hall). This year’s fete is on 29 June from 10am to 4.30pm. A timetable for the bus will be available on the Council’s website [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info) closer to the time. There will be designated stops at the estates.

The Council has requested a uniform 30mph speed limit on Norwich Road from Blenheim Grange to the Flying Fish. We are also working for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety at the Washington Drive entrance to Blenheim Grange from Norwich Road.

The Parish Council would like to see the school bus reinstated and will be working with the school toward its reinstatement. With more houses being built at Blenheim Grange and the unsuitable nature of the walking route to and from the school, the Council believes that now is an opportune moment to ask for a return of the bus. The Council is planning to walk the designated route to the school towards the end of summer./early autumn, together with children, parents and teachers from the school to highlight its dangers and impracticalities. More details to follow closer to the time.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is at 7pm on Monday 8 July. Why not come along and see what we do. There is an opportunity for you to address the Council and to ask questions. Please see our website for more details. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the website and the parish noticeboards at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 16)**

At its meeting on May 13, the Parish Council elected Tony Coppen as its Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mike Wormall was elected Vice Chairman. The Parish Council is pleased to welcome another new member, Hepzibah Shipman. We are currently seeking more new members to bring our numbers up to nine. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues affecting the parish. We meet once a month on the second Monday, usually at 7pm. If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com

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The Council has recently reinstated one of the gates on the children’s play area at Blenheim Grange. We have also restored the ball catcher and repaired the basketball hoop. Over the next few weeks, the Council’s contractor will be maintaining the flower beds. We are seeking to reduce the amount of litter throughout Carbrooke. Please help us in this aim so that we have a cleaner, tidier environment for everyone to enjoy.

The Parish Council would like to see the school bus reinstated and will be working with the school toward its reinstatement. With more houses being built at Blenheim Grange and the unsuitable nature of the walking route to and from the school, the Council believes that now is an opportune moment to ask for a return of the bus. The Council is also continuing to press for a 20mph speed limit outside the school.

We are working for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety at the Washington Drive entrance to Blenheim Grange from Norwich Road. We will shortly be installing a new bus shelter on Norwich Road and are hoping to lay down a footpath from Norwich Road into the Spar car park.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is in Carbrooke Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 10 June. Why not come along and see what we do. There is an opportunity for you to address the Council and to ask questions. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the noticeboards at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 15)**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on April 8. The meeting received reports from many of the village organisations, including the Village Hall, Blenheim Grange Residents Association, Carbrooke Heritage Group, the church and the volunteers who run Millennium Green. The Chairman’s Report was delivered by Tony Coppen. All the reports can be found on the Parish Council’s website ([www.carbrooke.info](http://www.carbrooke.info)).

The Parish Council has recently increased its number of members to nine. There are currently five members, all of whom were returned to the Council in the uncontested elections. The five members are Tony Coppen, Jo Borrett, Sue Dekeyzer, Jo Tinson and Mike Wormall. We are seeking four new members. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues affecting the parish. We meet once a month on a Monday evening, usually at 7pm. If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com Applications to be received please by no later than 30 April.

At its ordinary meeting, the Parish Council selected the items of Outdoor Fitness equipment for which it will be applying for grant funding. Four pieces of equipment will be installed at Blenheim Grange, near the children’s play area. The same choice of four items of equipment will be installed on Millennium Green.

The Parish Council would like to see the school bus reinstated and will be working with the school toward its reinstatement. With more houses being built at Blenheim Grange and the unsuitable nature of the walking route to and from the school, the Council believes that now is an opportune moment to ask for a return of the bus. The Council is also continuing to press for a 20mph speed limit outside the school and is working for the installation of a new bus shelter on Norwich Road and for a road crossing to improve safety.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is in the Community Cabin, Blenheim Grange at 7pm on Monday 13 May. This is the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year will be elected.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 14)**

The Parish Council has increased its number to nine. In consequence, we are currently seeking three new members, having welcomed Mrs Jo Tinson onto the Council. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues affecting the parish. We meet once a month. If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com All applications to be received please by no later than 8 April.

A Litter Pick is being held this coming Sunday (17 March). Meeting at 10am at the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Hall. For more information, please contact Paul Kerrison on 07866734596.

At its March meeting, the Council approved a grant of £500 to Carbrooke Heritage Group to help with a publication of a new book on the village school. If you are a charity or community group and are looking for grant funding, the Council will shortly be considering its next round of grants. Please go to the Parish Council website ([www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info)) for more information and our eligibility rules.

The Council also agreed a donation of £250 toward the Summer Fete and an additional £250 toward the hire of a mini bus to transport residents from the Norwich Road estates.

In addition, the Council agreed a donation of £100 towards the printing cost of a new newsletter to be produced and distributed by a resident.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 13)**

The Parish Council is currently seeking two new members. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues affecting the parish. We meet once a month. If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com All applications to be received please by no later than 8 March.

On 11 March, a tree will be planted on Millennium Green in commemoration of Robert Buscall. Mr Buscall was for many years the village’s representative on both Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council. In addition, he served on the Village Hall Committee and was a Parish Councillor. It was his father who provided the land on which the Village Hall was built. When the village school was threatened with closure in 1986, Robert Buscall was instrumental in keeping it open. On the day Norfolk County Council made their decision about the school’s future, he provided a bus to take pupils and parents to County Hall to demonstrate outside the meeting room in support of the school. Mr Buscall was also instrumental in the provision of the land that formed the Millennium Green, one of the first Millennium Greens in England to be formed to celebrate the new century. The tree in his honour will be planted at 2pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Afterwards there will be a reception in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council continues to press for a uniform 30mph speed limit on Norwich Road. We are also seeking to install a new bus shelter on the Blenheim Grange side of Norwich Road next to Washington Drive. In addition, we are seeking to have a road crossing installed at this point in order to improve public safety. We are also hoping to install a small footpath from Norwich Road into the Spar car park in order to improve this area.

Please help us to reduce the amount of litter throughout the parish, particularly with regard to larger items, but also smaller items. Don’t drop it, take it home. If the Parish Council has to pay to have items removed, it effectively reduces the amount we can use elsewhere in the village to pay for more useful things.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 12)**

Happy new year from the members of the Parish Council. We are starting the new year with a change. We currently have two vacancies on the Council. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on in the community, why not apply. The Parish Council deals with a host of issues that affect the parish from planning and speeding to the maintenance of Blenheim Grange. We meet once a month. If you would like to more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com All applications to be received please by no later than 8 February.

It has been a quiet time over the Christmas period, but the Council is continuing to press ahead with its plans. We are installing a defibrillator in the old red telephone box near the church. This in addition to the defibrillator which the Council installed outside the Aerolite Garage on Norwich Road.

The Parish Council is working for a uniform 30mph speed limit on Norwich Road. The Council believes this is particularly important in view of the expansion of Blenheim Grange. We are also working to reduce the speed limit outside the school to 20mph.

The Council has bought a moveable speed sign which is being used to help reduce speeding throughout the parish. The machine collects data which the Council will use to support its case for a reduction in speed limits.

The Council has made a grant of £1,000 toward the cost of maintaining the grass in the churchyard.

We are organising for the Community Cabin on Washington Drive to be repainted in the spring and are aiming to purchase items of Outdoor Fitness equipment to be installed near the Blenheim Grange play area and possibly the Village Green.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 11)**

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy. If you are interested in applying, or would like more information, please contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492 or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com The Council deals with a host of issues that affect the parish from planning and speeding to the maintenance of Blenheim Grange. We meet once a month.

The Parish Council is working for a uniform 30mph speed limit on Norwich Road. The Council believes this is particularly important in view of the expansion of Blenheim Grange. Cllr Bowes has met a senior figure at Norfolk County Council and noted that there is a possibility of reducing the speed limit from the current 40mph. She is also working to reduce the speed limit outside the school to 20mph, as is the Parish Council.

The Council has bought a SAM2 speed sign which will be used to help reduce speeding throughout the parish.

The Council is also buying a second defibrillator. The first is outside the Aerolite Garage on Norwich Road. The second will be placed in the older part of the village.

At Blenheim Grange, the Council has paid for the maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs. This is the first stage of improvement. The Council has agreed a maintenance contract for these from next year.

The Council will be clearing unsafe trees from the woods near Sunderland Close.

We are also organising for the Community Cabin on Washington Drive to be repainted.

You may have noticed the building work near the Spar. Once the 51st house here has been built, work will commence on Community Centre to be owned and run by the Parish Council. We have therefore started to plan how this building will be operated.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 10)**

Carbrooke Fuel Allotment charity provides a winter fuel allowance of £30 for registered disabled residents and £35 for residents over 65. If you have lived in Carbrooke for more than two years, please contact Derek Watts, Dove Barn, Summer Lane, Carbrooke, IP25 6TR.

Tom Thurston will be giving a talk on Agriculture: History and its effects on this area in Carbrooke Church on 19 October at 7pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. No charge.

John Coppen of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be giving a talk on the work of the War Graves Commission in Carbrooke Church at 7pm on Friday 9 November. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. No charge. For more information please call 01953 885353.

This year, the Parish Council is sponsoring the purchase of three Remembrance Day wreaths. One will be laid by a member of the Council at the Remembrance Day service at Carbrooke Church and two will be laid by Council members at the War Memorials at the front of Blenheim Grange.

The Parish Council is pushing ahead with its plans for the adopted red telephone box in the older part of the village. The area around the box has been cleared and the box will be cleaned. The Parish Council is discussing the future use of the box, but has decided not to use it to house a defibrillator as it is not the most visible location in the village. Instead, the Council is hoping that a defibrillator can be placed on the outside of the Village Hall.

At Blenheim Grange, the Council will shortly be pressing ahead with its plans for the maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs. The Council has agreed a maintenance contract for these from next year.

The Council plans to plant new trees and shrubs at Blenheim Grange from next year to replace any that it has to fell.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 9)**

The September meeting of the Parish Council was held at Blenheim Grange. The Council agreed to establish a subcommittee to look further into the possibility of investing Council funds in a house for rent as a means of improving the rate of return on its funds. The first meeting of the subcommittee will be held shortly.

In the meantime, works to Blenheim Grange continue. The Council’s contractors will fell the dead trees which did not make it through the summer heat, or which have been deemed hazardous. The Council is also to carry out an extensive clearance in the wooded area off Anson Way. This is part of the Council’s overall plan for Blenheim Grange, outlined in its Three Year Plan. Further works will follow in due course and the Council will be pursuing a policy of replacing any trees that need to be felled.

The Council will be considering the maintenance of the flower beds at Blenheim Grange at its October meeting and has obtained costs in this respect.

The Council has approved the Royal Mail’s request to install a post box at Lancaster Avenue. This is in addition to the service provided in the Spar.

The Council received a request for funding from the Millennium Green Trust and will be considering this at its next meeting.

The Council approved a Three Year Plan for the assets it maintains in the older part of the village. These include the bus shelter on Broadmoor Road, the village sign, the plough and the Village Hall car park. A copy of the plan will be available on the Parish Council website.

The Council is aiming to work with Norfolk County Council to effect a speed reduction on Norwich Road so that the speed limit is consistent and to lower the speed limits in various parts of the parish, predominantly outside the primary school.

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Alternatively, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is in Carbrooke Church at 7pm on Monday 8 October. Why not come along and see what we do. There is an opportunity for you to address the Council and to ask questions. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the noticeboards at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below.

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**12. Speed Limits**

It was noted that the Parish Council is waiting for more information from Norfolk County Council as to what conditions need to be met to lower various speed limits in the parish.

**14. Post Box**

The Council received a request from Royal Mail to site a post box at Lancaster Avenue. It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the location.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 8)**

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has installed two Five a side goals next to the play area at Blenheim Grange. The purchase of the goals was funded by a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation and have been installed by Wicksteed. We hope you enjoy them.

At its July meeting, the Council co-opted a new member, Jamie Matthews. The Council is now back to its seven members, although following a request from the Parish Council, Breckland Council is considering whether the number of councillors can be increased to nine. This would reflect the parish’s increasing population.

The main discussion at the July meeting was a proposal for the Parish Council to purchase and rent a house at Blenheim Grange. The Council is very aware that the interest from the Commuted Sum (the money passed to the Council by the housing consortium) is not sufficient to pay for the maintenance of the Open Spaces. The Council is therefore looking at ways to improve the return on this money. The Council has agreed to pursue further the proposal to buy a house and will be seeking further information in this respect.

In the meantime, works to Blenheim Grange continue. The Council’s contractors have felled another tree off Washington Drive and the tree beside it will be felled once nesting birds have fledged. The Council is also to carry out an extensive clearance in the wooded area off Anson Way. This is part of the Council’s overall plan for Blenheim Grange, outlined in its Three Year Plan. Further works will follow in due course.

The Council will be considering the maintenance of the flower beds and will be pursuing a policy of replacing any and all trees that have been felled. We are also seeking ways to reduce the amount of litter and are liaising with Breckland Council and the Police over anti social drinking.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 7)**

Would you like to have a greater say in what goes on in your community ? If so, why not consider becoming a parish councillor. We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are aged over 18, are a British citizen and have lived in Carbrooke for more than twelve months, please email the Parish Clerk, briefly setting out the reasons you would like to join the Council and enclosing a short Cv. Or for more information, please call the clerk on 01362 687492. (carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com). All applications to be received by no later than 30 June.

At its recent meeting, the Council agreed to lobby Norfolk County Council for a 20mph speed limit outside the school and to request the 30mph speed limit be moved back at Willow Corner to encourage drivers to slow down before entering the village. The Council is also requesting a uniform 30mph speed limit along Norwich Road.

It was noted that the County Council and the consortium plan to install bollards at the junction of Canberra Road and Washington Drive. The Parish Council is ensuring that this will not prevent ease of access for emergency vehicles. The Council is also requesting white lines to improve safety at the junction of Marauder Road and Liberator Close.

The Council will be proceeding with a new grass contractor at Blenheim Grange.

Don’t forget the Summer Fete on Millennium Green on June 30. The Parish Council is providing a free mini bus service to and from the Green. The pick ups will be at different locations. For full details please go to the Carbrookeonline website.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 6)**

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held this year in Carbrooke church. Philip Sampher was re-elected as the Council’s Chairman and Tony Coppen was re-elected as Vice Chair. The Council has a vacancy following the resignation of Daniel Fishlock. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please go to the Parish Council’s website ([www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info)) or contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

The Council made two grant awards at the meeting. One was £1,500 to the Carbrooke Village Green for the payment of insurances. The other was to the Blenheim Grange Residents Association of £362 for its annual insurance premium.

The Council is lobbying Norfolk County Council for a uniform speed limit of 30mph on Norwich Road. It is also lobbying the County Council to bring forward its plans to resurface Summer Lane.

As we head toward summer, the Parish Council has been busy clearing more areas at Blenheim Grange. As part of its Three Year Plan, the Council has cleared two more areas at the front of the Grange (near Norwich Road) and we are arranging for more thorough clearance of the areas near the two War Memorials. We are waiting for our contractor to cut back a number of trees in the woods near Anson Way. This will be done once the bird nesting season has passed. We are also felling two poplar trees that have been deemed dangerous on Washington Drive.

The Council is aware that the dog bins at Blenheim Grange have not been emptied and we have agreed to appoint a new contractor in an effort to improve the service.

We are also aware of the amount of litter throughout the village and are aiming to find a solution to this. If you can help with litter picking (it does not have to be on a regular basis) or have any suggestions, please let us know.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 5)**

The Parish Council held two meetings in April. The first was the Annual Meeting at which representatives of the various village organisations, as well as the County councillor and Breckland councillor, delivered reports outlining their activities over the course of the year. The full reports can be viewed on the Parish Council’s website ([www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info)).

At its second meeting, the Parish Council appointed a local contractor to carry out various necessary tree works at Blenheim Grange. This is a significant part of the Council’s Three Year Plan for Blenheim Grange (which can be viewed on the Council’s website). A Three Year Plan for the older part of the village is to be undertaken later this year.

At Blenheim Grange, works will be carried out in accordance with a tree survey of the wooded area near Ansen Way. The Council will also be removing the items that have recently been dumped in this area. As the Council owns this land, it has to pay for the removal of such flytipping. This money comes from the funds set aside for the management of the land and thus reduces the overall amount the Council has available to spend.

We would like to ask all residents not to flytip either on the Council’s land or elsewhere. We would also like to ask residents not to drop litter, or bottles and cans. It all costs the Parish Council money and it is your money that is being spent which we could otherwise spend elsewhere.

The Council is also clearing back two more areas at the front of Blenheim Grange, near the power substation and removing two mattresses from the same. We are also complying with an order from the County Council to fell a diseased ash tree near the Spar car park and to significantly deadwood another.

As regards the trees, the Council is pursuing a policy of replacement and aims to plant a new tree for each tree that has been felled.

Our next meeting is in Carbrooke Church at 7pm on Monday 14 May. We welcome and encourage all residents to our meetings, so please come along and see what we do. There is an opportunity for you to address the Council and to ask questions at every meeting. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the noticeboards at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 4)**

The Parish Council is aiming to install a Defibrillator in the phone box near the church. We have already installed a defibrillator outside the Aerolite Garage. We have applied to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme for funding and are awaiting the results of our application. Thank you to the owners of the Aerolite for allowing us to put this useful facility on their shop.

The Council is working to improve the Open Space land at Blenheim Grange. The Council has recently cut back the overgrown areas at the front of estate and has paid for nine silver birches, which were deemed to be dangerous, to be felled off Washington Drive. The Council will shortly be considering what to do regarding the trees in the small wooded area near Anson Way. We will also be looking into longer term management of the wooded areas and are aiming to replace those trees that have been felled with new trees.

The Council is concerned about the amount of litter throughout all areas of the village and is seeking how best to tackle this. If you would like to be involved in helping to clear litter, either on an occasional or a more regular basis, please contact the Parish Clerk, as we may be able to host an organised Litter Pick (contact details below).

We are also working in conjunction with the school and have created a Community Award, which will be presented each term to the pupil deemed to have done the most and worked the hardest to improve their community. A member of the Parish Council will present the award.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be our Annual Meeting at which representatives of the various village organisations present their annual reports. This will be at 6.30pm in Carbrooke Church and will be followed by the ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 3)**

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has established its own website. The site is full of information about the Parish Council and what it does for the community. Please visit the site at [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info).

The Council is also delighted to announce that it has obtained a grant of from Norfolk Community Foundation for the purchase and installation of two 5 a side goals next to the play area at Blenheim Grange. The Council is waiting for the installation of an underground water tank to be completed on the site and will then install the goals in time for the spring. Weather permitting, the goals will be in place by April.

The Council is cutting back and felling silver birches off Washington Drive and Anson Way. This is part of the Council’s management of the trees at Blenheim Grange. You may have noticed that an area has been cut and cleared at the front of the estate near Norwich Road. The Council instructed contractors to carry out this work and more work in the same area will be carried out shortly to cut back the overhanging branches on Norwich Road and near the American war memorial.

The Council is looking into how best to deal with the problem of litter at Blenheim Grange and throughout the village. This will be discussed more fully at the Council’s next meeting. The Council is also seeking help to repaint the outside of the Community Cabin on Washington Drive.

At its February meeting, the Council considered a letter and an amended plan for the Dawe Estates planning application at Manor Farm, Willow Corner. The application is to redevelop underused land to provide four affordable homes for the local community and six open market homes. The Parish Council voted to decline this application for the reasons stated when the application was first submitted. As regards the letter and amended plan, the Council noted that there are already more than 200 affordable homes in Carbrooke as a whole. It was noted that the new Barretts development will include more affordable homes. The Council does not believe therefore that there is a lack of affordable homes in Carbrooke.

With regard to the proposed footpath, the Council is concerned about the usage of the path. The path would run behind residents’ homes. The path would not be lit. The Council does not believe that residents would use the path, particularly after dark and in view of its location. The Council is concerned about the security and privacy of those residents behind whose properties the proposed footpath would run.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 12 March. The Council welcomes all residents to its meetings, so please come along and see what we do. For more information and a copy of the agenda for the meeting please go to [www.carbrookepc.info](http://www.carbrookepc.info), or contact the parish clerk on 01362 687492.

 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 2)**

The Parish Council’s first meeting of the new year was held in the Community Cabin at Blenheim Grange. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Phil Sampher and attended by five other councillors. The following is a summary of the main points that were agreed.

The meeting began with a presentation by the Fountain of Life Church about how to engage the younger members of the community. This follows incidents of anti social behaviour in the older part of the village. Julia Rees and her husband run a successful youth club at Blenheim Grange. She suggested that a questionnaire should be used to find out what the children would like and for those considering setting up a youth group to work with the Primary School.

In the Public Participation period of the meeting, the Council was made aware of a letter on behalf of Dawe Estates Ltd concerning its planning application. The Council was concerned that it had not received this letter and will be writing to Breckland Council. The Council will be discussing the proposed amendments at its meeting in February.

The Council had obtained a quote to repaint the Village Sign, but was concerned by the cost and will be contacting the artist to find out the proposed longevity of the paint, as the sign has not been up that long.

The Council approved a request from the Pre School to put an advertising banner outside the Village Hall.

Councillor Coppen, on behalf of the Millennium Green Trust, noted that the bazaar had raised just under £600. He noted that there will be a Fun Run on the Green in March.

The Council is seeking how best to deal with the increasing amounts of litter at Blenheim Grange. The consortium will be asked to remove glass in the verges and to remove the bollards. The Council will shortly begin clearing the woods near the Washington Drive entrance to the estate.

**The next meeting is in the Village Hall on 12 February at 7pm.** You are always welcome to attend Council meetings. There is an opportunity for you to address the Council and to ask questions at every meeting. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the noticeboards at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting. If you would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below.

If you would like a copy of the complete minutes, this can either be viewed on the new Parish Council website, which will be commencing shortly, or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01362 687492, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB, or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com The full minutes are also displayed on the village noticeboards.

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 **Carbrooke Parish Council News Sheet (Number 1)**

At its December meeting, the Parish Council voted to stop funding the village newsletter due to the increasing costs of publication and because currently only a limited number of copies are being printed. News of the Parish Council’s activities can be found online and the Council will soon be establishing its own independent website. In the meantime, we wanted to continue to keep you in touch with what we are doing. The Council has therefore decided to produce a monthly news sheet which will provide a summary of the main points of each of its meetings. If you would like a copy of the complete minutes, this can either be viewed on the new Parish Council website, which will be commencing in the new year, or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01362 687492, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB, or at carbrookeparishclerk@gmail.com The full minutes are also displayed on the village noticeboards.

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The December meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall. The following is a summary of the main points that were agreed.

The Council will be liaising with the Primary School to establish a Pride in the Community award which the Council will fund and present to the boy or girl who the school feels has done the most to help their community.

The Council agreed to transfer the funds it receives in respect of the Bottle Bank outside the Village Hall to the Millennium Green Trust in order to help with raising funds.

The village website was reviewed after its first year. The Council decided to establish its own website so it can maintain full control of it. A new website will be set up in 2018.

The Council voted to close down its Facebook page and to review this after the new website has been running for six months.

The Council will be arranging for works to be carried out in respect of the woodworm in the bus shelter on Broadmoor Road and will be putting anti-vandal paint on the roof.

The Council will be carrying out clearance work at the front of Blenheim Grange. It will also be approaching Watton Town Council to see if they will help fund a central reservation at the Norwich Road junction with Washington Drive once the bus stop has been moved.

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The members of the Parish Council would like to wish you a Happy New Year.