**Horning Parish Council News – December 2014/January/February 2015**

**Parish Councillors:** Lynda Horey has resigned from the Council and we would like to thank her for her work on the Asset Management Committee. This means we are down to seven Parish Councillors. Although there are four vacancies we are not seeking new Parish Councillors at this time because a Parish Council election will take place on 7th May 2015 (at the same time as the General Election and other Local Elections).

**Precept**: The Parish precept for 2014/15 was set at £14 745, a small increase being necessary to offset loss of income from the former bottle bank. The smaller one at the Village Hall Car Park will bring in some income.

**Children’s Play Area:** We are pleased to announce that the final item of children’s play equipment has been installed at the Recreation Ground, thanks to funding from the Horning Boat Show Community Fund (£2870) and Norfolk Community Fund (£2000). You are reminded that dogs should be kept out of this area and that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul in a public area.

**Defibrillators**: Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) are located at various points around Horning; ‘Kenlea’, Mill Loke (available 24 hours); Horning Village Hall (when hall is open): Horning Sailing Club (when club is open).

**Horning Football Club**: We are sad to report that the club has folded. However, this creates an opportunity to review the use of the Recreation Ground. If you have any suggestions regarding its use or the facilities on it, please contact the Clerk in writing.

**Benches**: We are responsible for the maintenance and repair of 25 benches around the Parish of Horning. Each one now has a numbered tag, so if you need to report the condition of a bench, please contact the Clerk in writing and include the bench number.

**Jubilee Walk:** We are sad to report that criminal damage has been caused to the cages around some of the trees. One has been completely destroyed and has been removed. A total of five cages need to be replaced or repaired. The police have been informed and if you have information that might lead to the apprehension of the perpetrators, please contact PCSO Laura Bennett on 0845 456 4567. Damaged cages will be repaired or replaced and we have also arranged for the trees to be pruned in February and work will be undertaken to weed around them.

**Parking on the Restricted Byway in Front of St Benet’s Green**: This important issue is an item on the February agenda. Come along and contribute to the debate or send your opinion to the Clerk in writing.

**Lights on St Benet’s Green Tree**: Thanks to Parish Councillor Andrew Darby, an uplighter has been installed on the tree on St Benet’s Green and coloured lights along the side of St Benet’s Hall. Our thanks to Neil Lane of Norwich Electrical Co. Ltd who carried out the work.

**Road Works**: We have been informed that part of Lower Street near the New Inn will be closed to through traffic for a period of up to 3 days from 10th March to replace a manhole cover. Diversion signs will be put in place.

**The Three Rivers Way (3RW):** A funding bid for Phase 1 (Hoveton to Horning) has been resubmitted to the Dept for Transport by NCC and, if successful, will be implemented over the next twelve months

**Next Parish Council Meeting**: The next monthly meeting is on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7pm in St Benet’s Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

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