



Newsletter

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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except in August). The Planning and Environment Committee is held on the first Wednesday and Full Council on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to join these meetings (details on website).

There are also additional groups that provide advice to Council — the Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group and the Finance Advisory Group.

Contact us: clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk or 01603 250198

The Parish Matters

Post Office and Post Box. Following the closure of the well liked ‘post office in a pub’ at The Cellar House, the Parish Council has been exploring the possibility of alternative arrangements that could see some post office services return to the area. This exercise, however, demonstrated that it would not be financially viable to have either a commercial or mobile post office arrangement. One remaining option is a not-for-profit registered Community Interest Company (CIC) to operate a service. This would be challenging to achieve, but if any parishioners believe they would like to take this forward, please contact our Clerk (clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk). The Parish Council can work with interested parties to determine whether it may be viable.

Did you know, Royal Mail offer a collection from your home or workplace (www.royalmail.com/sending)? The Royal Mail also has an app where you can track and send items, book parcel collections, and find your nearest services (www.royalmail.com/downloadapp).

The Post Office Website (www.postoffice.co.uk) has further useful information and there are a number of services you can do online including bill payments, topping up your gas card or electricity key, Postal Orders and National Lottery Prize Claims.

We are also endeavouring to have the Colney Lane post box reinstated to the verge on the other side of the road. This has been agreed in principle, but as yet, nobody can decide who owns the verge!

Volunteers for review of neighbourhood plan. Our neighbourhood plan is over 10 years old and has become superseded now that Norfolk’s councils have adopted the Great Norwich Local Plan (www.gnlp.org.uk/local-plan-examination-local-plan-examination/latest-news). Enacting this plan will result in a further 400 or so houses being built in Cringleford. We wish to see these built to the parish’s requirements and so need to update our own plan. We have started a review of the plan with the help of a consultant to decide whether a new one is needed or the existing one just needs updating, so we are looking for volunteers from the Parish to help us carry out the work. If there is anybody with experience or an interest in local or

national planning, or related areas, who is interested in helping us, please will you contact our Clerk (clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk).

Beacon of light. On June 6 2024 it will be the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast. As part of the countrywide programme for D– Day, the Parish Council will be lighting a beacon on The Willow Centre playing field in remembrance. We would like to invite anybody involved in those landings, or anyone closely related to a D-Day veteran living in Cringleford, to help light the beacon. Please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk) if you wish to participate.

Leaving our verges uncut. As we have done for the last few years, we will be leaving our verges and areas around The Willow Centre uncut to enhance the wildlife in the area. We also requested that Highways do the same for the significant verge areas along Roundhouse Way. However, we have noticed that they have recently cut them! We will be following this up with the Authority to find out why.



A lonely cowslip left by the roundabout (deliberately?) after the grass cutting

[Something’s going on in the woods today](#)

We have engaged a company to instal some play equipment in and around the wood behind the Willow Centre. There will be a tunnel just outside the entrance to the wood and several other pieces of play equipment located throughout the woodland, some of which will be fully accessible so everyone can enjoy using them. Examples of the type of equipment are shown overleaf. We expect their installation to start early in this summer.

[An invitation to a fruitful event](#)

On Friday May 3 at 11.00 we will be officially opening Newfound Community Orchard. The orchard was planted 15 months ago using a grant from The John Innes Foundation—the former owners of the site. All the



Visualisations of some equipment that will be placed just outside or in the wood

orchard fruit trees were bred by researchers at the John Innes Centre during the twentieth century when the centre had a fruit breeding programme. The programme was closed shortly after the John Innes moved to its current site at Colney from its previous site at Bayfordbury, Hertfordshire. The Chairman of the Foundation, Peter Innes, a descendant of the original John Innes, will open the orchard for us. Councillors, the developers, and family members of the people after whom the roads are named on Cringleford Heights have been invited to the opening.

Cringleford residents are most welcome to join us for the celebration. Snacks and drinks will be available. Please contact our Clerk if you would like to come along, so we have an idea of numbers to expect(clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk).

If you want to know why the orchard is called Newfound, what's behind the naming of the roads, or the varieties of the fruit trees in the orchard, just scan the QR Code.





Blossom in Newfound Orchard this spring

In addition to opening this green space, we will also open our garden at Lobelia Lane on Roundhouse Park in May. It has been designed so that,



once the trees have matured, it will provide shade from the summer sun. There are also fragrant shrubs and herbs for all year round colour and interest. Planting up has

The Jubilee Garden on Lobelia Lane

been completed and benches have been installed ready for you to sit and enjoy the peaceful garden.

The Jubilee Centre becomes a landmark

Despite some dreadful rain and winds over the last few months, progress has been steady at the site, and the Centre and nursery are scheduled to open in early autumn with the football pitches shortly thereafter.

The building represents a significant landmark for the area and is now readily visible from the Southern Bypass as you approach Thickthorn from the east. Although it looks very white and harsh currently, it will soon be clad to match the surrounding house roofs.

We have appointed a contractor to install and operate the EV chargers in the car park that will be available to use from the time the building opens. These will be available for everyone to use, not just the hirers of the Centre. There will be eight charging points, two of which will be rapid (more suitable for users of the TJC), whereas the rest can be used during the day and overnight if needed. There will be a 24/7 support line in case anyone has a problem using them.

Money, money, money

Our newer District Councillor, Cllr Deborah Sacks, has completed her first year with us. She has enjoyed meeting people in the area and finding out about their lives and the issues that affect them.

It has been difficult to resolve many of the issues District Councillors have taken up on transport, traffic and parking, because responsibility for this mainly lies with the County Council. However, partnership working is called for since the District Council has a role as the local planning authority. Like us, District Councillors believe that good paths for walking and cycling around Cringleford and the wider Norwich area are essential for everyone getting to work, school or to get to the shops and other facilities.

District Councillors have an annual grant of £1,000 to allocate to local groups and this year they allocated £600 to Cringleford Primary School PTA



The Jubilee Centre from Walpole Crescent (top), from the nursery end (left) and from the southern football pitches (right) showing the main hall

for new playground equipment and £400 to Cringleford Junior Football Club for additional football equipment. If any resident of Cringleford has a good suggestion for a group who would value a donation through this scheme, please let your District Councillors know so it can be considered for the new financial year.

Please contact our District Councillors on the addresses overleaf for more information on this and if you have any other issues that you feel they may be able to help with.

In addition, the Parish Council also has a grant of up to £1000 annually to support projects in the community. If you believe you have a suitable project, please contact our Clerk (clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk).

USEFUL CONTACTS AND INFORMATION



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Church Hall bookings

01603 259138

Patteson Room bookings

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The Willow Centre

- [Clothing and shoe bank](#) is in the car park.
- [Norwich Foodbank drop-offs](#) to donate non-perishable food, drink or toiletries.
- [Battery](#) collection point is open.
- [Book & puzzle swap](#) in the Centre



Norfolk County Council County Councillor

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Highways

Roadworks Info: one. Network

Report a problem: www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem

Police

Stuart Barnard, Beat Manager

Stuart.barnard@norfolk.pnn.police.uk



The Willow Centre & Cringleford Pavilion

Cringleford has two fantastic venues for hire! Perfect for parties, classes, meetings and events. There are also cricket & football pitches for hire, and we host a tennis club.



Example Hire Charges per hour

	Casual	Regular
1 quad	£16	£13
2 quads	£25	£20
4 quads	£36	£30

Contact us for more information

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