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Dear Residents

We hope that you have been able to enjoy the recent fine weather although the land certainly does need rain now! This newsletter contains important information about a proposed housing development and the future management of the village hall.

1. **Housing development proposal – public consultation on 20 July**

The Parish Council has been approached by Broadland Housing Association and North Norfolk District Council who joined us at our June meeting. They presented an opportunity to bring a new development of affordable housing to our parish. The proposed site is in the field north of the road between the A140 and the village green behind the properties on Church Close.

Ed Mumford-Smith from Broadland Housing Association told us about their history and ethos to build good quality housing which fits in with our North Norfolk area. We were also shown pictures of recent local developments and heard how these have helped local people who want to live in our more rural areas.

We heard about how planning policy allows Affordable Housing to be built in our more rural villages, specifically to help local people with a local connection to a parish and adjoining parishes. So new homes can help people who currently live here or have done in the past, as well as those through work or have close family ties.

This proposal is at a very early stage and the Parish Council has asked for an early public consultation for our community, including those who would be interested in having a new home in the village.

District Councillor John Toye joined us for the meeting and wanted to say “As your local elected member at North Norfolk District Council, I am aware of the mixed feelings that development proposal like this can bring to communities. I hope you will take the opportunity to come and see the presentation being offered and help shape the future of your community. Please remember that this is a proposal to deliver homes for people that have a local connection, that are on our housing list and already have a connection to your community. Broadland Housing Association have delivered award winning developments to support local need and do listen to local views. Please don’t speculate on what it means, come and see the presentation and ask those questions that you have. I will be there to answer your questions as well and look forward to meeting you”.

The public consultation will be a drop in on **Wednesday 20 July between 3pm and 7pm** at the **Banningham and Colby Community Hall** – an invitation flyer from Broadland Housing will also be sent to each household in the parish shortly.

So far, the Parish Council has given no comment on the outline proposal other than to ask for this early public consultation. The Parish Council will next meet at **7.30pm** on 20 July and would welcome feedback from residents.

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2. Village Hall

Improvements continue with more replacement windows and a new suspended ceiling in the Annex area installed. The new storage area is nearing completion and this will allow the stacks of tables and chairs to be removed (at last) from the hall. A lot of work has been done on the outside, cleaning up and replacing broken fencing and repainting it.

A design for a new sign outside the hall is nearing completion and will replace the now removed old ones. New signs towards the hall from the B1145 and from the green are now in place..

The Parish Council has been working with Community Action Norfolk (CAN) to draft up new arrangements for the charity (with the Parish Council as the sole trustee) which will hold overall responsibility for managing the hall. There will be a new team which will organise the day to day running of the hall and we are now wanting to employ a new Team Leader who will lead and co-ordinate the work. The details are:

Job Title - Banningham and Colby Community Hall Team Leader

Accountable to –the Charity’s Sole Trustee (the Parish Council)

Terms of Employment - The post is for a fixed term of two years to be reviewed after 18 months, paid monthly at NALC Scale Point 14, paid monthly. The post is 4 hours per week and may be amended to meet the demands.

Key Responsibilities-

- Lead the Community Village Team in managing The Hall
- Ensure that records (Agendas and Minutes) are produced for Team meetings
- Maintain financial accounts and report as required.
- Ensure that the Team meets Charity requirements, including legal responsibilities.
- Ensure that The Team meets The Governance statement requirements
- To market the hall and ensure good customer liaison
- Ensure that day to day operational requirements to run the hall are maintained
- Report to the Charity Trustee as required.
- Help the Community Hall to be a successful community hub

If you might be interested in this job, please contact the Clerk. The closing date for applications is 22 July.

3. Councillor vacancy

Finally, there is still one vacancy on the Parish Council and if you might want to help to shape the future, please do contact the Clerk.

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