

Annual District Report April 2021

Over the last year we have all been affected by the COVID pandemic. We have all had to go about our lives differently whether doing our shopping, leisure, helping others or working, but at least there is a roadmap for us all to get back to some sort of normal and locally Harleston is playing a major part in that by having the vaccination centre opened up in Paddock road.

Some of us would have lost loved ones due to the devastating pandemic and many of us will know of local residents that have had it and still recovering so this last year will go down in history as one that has affected the whole world.

I would like to thank and pay tribute to all of the volunteer groups in and around our villages that have helped and are still helping local residents with such things as shopping, getting prescriptions, transport and especially keeping in touch.

It's been good to see our schools fully open again and all of the children meeting and enjoying themselves not only at school but also on the play equipment on the playing field. I must thank all of the dedicated staff at our schools who have been on the front line throughout the pandemic and for giving our youngsters the best possible start in life.

Over the last year our Help Hub has helped thousands of residents across all of South Norfolk and they continue to help with any problems that any of our residents might have. 01508 533933.

Many of our staff have been re-deployed within the the council and many of our staff have been working alongside NHS staff.

Thousands of grants have been distributed to businesses through the Government schemes to help them through these difficult times and prepare for the future.

Over the Christmas period here in South Norfolk we suffered some of the worst flooding since 1968. The ground was already saturated and on the 23rd December we experienced very heavy rainfall which caused much devastating flooding to residents properties and belongings. The Lead Local Flood Authority has hundreds of flooding reports to go through over the coming months and hopefully these reports will recommend improvements to local infrastructure to help prevent floods like this again. There has been a Norfolk wide task group set up headed by Lord Dannatt aimed at making sure everyone knows who is responsible for what in regards of maintenance and repair of all drainage, ditches, highways and river systems. NCC have already set up a dedicated web page with contact details of all of the authorities and organisations. There has also been extra funding allocated to increase resource and carry out repairs, plus in the recent NCC budget an extra £1.5m for flooding issues.. Also at South Norfolk extra resource has been put place to support an environment enforcement officer to assist local communities with flooding issues and I'm pleased that he was able to help in Rushall.

My local members budget of £1,000 supported three local projects, £400 to the 100th Bomb group museum for kitchen equipment, £300 to Tivetshall village hall kitchen equipment and £300 to Norfolk Threads which are based in Dickleburgh, they have launched a brand new community art project that is free to take part in and open to everyone. The Leaf project encourages people to engage with nature and get creative with photography, drawing and textiles. @norfolkthreads full story in our recent LINK magazine which we circulate to all of South Norfolk's households three times per year.

Good progress is being made on the Long Stratton bypass with the planning application due to be submitted during the next month with construction due to start in 2023 and be completed in 2024. I am pleased that a new recycling centre is being proposed to be built next to the new bypass, this will replace the current one at Morningthorpe and will be easier for our residents to access.

Finally I enjoy working with the Parish council and look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

Best Wishes
Martin

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
for the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

A very warm welcome to you all at The Annual Parish Meeting called by Tivetshall Parish Council.

As Chair for the Parish Council elected in February this year and a councillor of 4 years it's a great pleasure to see you all here.

Due to the Covid pandemic over the past year; it has shall we say, been very challenging. What with us all having to adapt to new ways of working and living but still trying to meet our increasing workload with our number of Councillors diminishing.

We all feel that our roles of Parish Councillors have certainly taken on a more demanding perspective, but we continue to be up for the challenge and will try and meet the needs of our community.

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting back in 2019 we have:

Back in September 2020 we commenced the challenge of putting together a Neighbourhood plan, which is a set of policies that has been driven by our community on how planning and development of our village is completed. I'll let Alyson the chair of the steering group update us all on where we are, when she gives us her report but I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all on the Steering group as I know it's been quite a task.

The winter this year was extremely wet and on the 23rd December we saw a number of properties flooded within the village. As a council we have been working very closely with SNDC, NCC and our local land owners to address the issues of blocked ditches and pipes that caused a lot of the issues. I am glad to say that land owners within the village have really been working on clearing their ditches and we will be reminding them on a yearly basis to ensure that they are kept on top. We are also putting together an emergency plan document which will include all the procedures to address a situation from flooding, long term power outages to a pandemic so we can act more quickly and get help from the services and the community to those in need.

During the past year we had several written requests for allotments. The Parish Council have advertised asking for a piece of land but as of yet nothing has

come forward. So unfortunately we aren't in a position to proceed with this until this happens.

The playfield's Lease runs out in April 2022. We have approached the landowners to seek their intentions and to look at negotiating a new lease.

Community Car scheme - Due to the retirement of Pam and Steve West this important service to our vulnerable parishioners has currently had to cease. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their commitment and time given in over the years to run this scheme. We as a Parish Council are very keen to find someone to take it over so if you have some time and a vehicle please contact us.

The Litter Pick was also well supported early in 2020 and there are plans to have one this year as restrictions are lifted. Last year the parish council also bought its own Litter Picking equipment and this can be signed out at any time by residents to use as they walk around our village.

To help try and reduce speeding in our village especially along Station Road we have recently purchased some Village Gateways, which we hope will inform the road user that they are entering a residential area and to slow down. We do receive emails from parishioners in relation to speeding and all of these are passed onto our local police teams along with all the data from the SAM2 machine.

I would like to thank The Village Hall Management team for again there this year in particular they have excelled themselves with not only putting on various events when allowed, The 'T T Junction' coffee mornings which are a great success and are very well supported. But also for their work in organising, volunteering and finding other willing volunteers to arrange food parcels, collecting prescriptions and many other tasks and there continued support for those that are shielding. I thank you all

The community Broadband B4RN is here!!!. Thank you to the team who represent B4RN here in Tivetshall who have worked so hard to make this happen along with their band of volunteers. Thank you also to the landowners who have given their permission to come across fields etc.

We are fortunate to have our District Councillors Martin Wilby, Clayton Hudson and County Councillor Bev Spratt, who readily come to most of our meetings

armed with vital information and answering questions we may have for them. They are always quick to respond and we would like to thank them all.

We seem to be fortunate that crime levels are virtually non-existent within the Tivetshalls, but it does not mean we should take our finger off the button at any time. We suggest that all residents stay vigilant and if there is something that you are concerned about always contact the police.

On a sad note we had to say goodbye. To Councillor and our Chair Rita Land who retired in February 2021, we would very much like to thank her for all she has done for the Parish Council over the years and we are all very grateful for all the time and knowledge she has given to us all along the way.

Also goodbye and thank you to Ros Hill and Rosie Riches our clerks, who over the past three years have guided us through some challenging times and kept us on our toes in ensuring we meet our objectives.

I would personally like to thank our Councillors for their continued support over the past couple of years. Alyson and John. I'm so grateful for your support given to the PC and myself.

We desperately need new Councillors to join us. Please give a thought to what happens in our village of Tivetshall. Defibrillator checks do not just happen. Planning issues do not just happen, neither does Community plans, Highway issues, Playground inspections or bus shelter cleaning.

Everyone here brings something different to the table. We need ideally another 4 Councillors. If you are a resident or work within the village who can help please contact anyone of us for a quick chat or just come along to one of our 10 meetings per year.

Thank you all for coming here this evening, we are very grateful for your attendance.

This concludes my report for 2021

By Cllr Robert Alleguen-Porter, Chair of Tivetshall Parish Council



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Report on Tivetshall Primary School

At the start of the summer term 2021 the staff and children are looking forward to the coming months with optimism. We currently have twenty two children on roll, all of whom have returned to school with a great attitude to learning and a desire to do well. Despite all of the interruptions and difficulties of the last twelve months, the pupils have settled back into the systems and routines confidently and without fuss. For this they should be applauded.

During the lockdown there was a great deal of negativity in the media surrounding the impact of Coronavirus on children's learning and their attitude to school. From the evidence I have seen, in terms of time spent in classrooms, speaking to children and seeing the results of assessments that children have undertaken since they have been back in school, this rather saturnine outlook is far from true. Of course their rate of progress and acquisition of core skills has slowed. However, our approach will be what it has always been; know the children well, understand where they currently are in their learning and teach them the next step in their education. No one can argue that our children are not resilient; they have coped with an enormous amount of change, new routines and protocols and have, fundamentally, just 'got on with it'. As a headteacher, I couldn't be more proud of them.

Looking ahead to the summer term, we will be delivering an exciting curriculum. Topics that the children will cover in Class 1 include 'explorers' in history, how the weather affects us in geography, plants and living things in science and levers and levers, sliders and pop-up mechanisms in design and technology. Class 2 will be studying Shakespeare (with a focus on Julius Caesar), the Romans in history, electricity in science and 3D maps in art. I have no doubt that the children will have a wonderful time exploring and investigating these and many other programmes of study.

Hopefully as we slowly move towards a degree of normality we can welcome the world back inside our classroom. We have very much felt part of a 'bubble' for the last year or more and I think moving forwards it is important that we look up and look out. I am sure that the children will rise to the occasion.

Best wishes

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REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS

April 2021

"I have come that you might have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10)

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body would like to thank Councillors for their continued interest and support of the school. Our most recent Ofsted and Church Schools inspection reports included the words *'The school promotes a strong sense of community within which students thrive'* and *'The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Archbishop Sancroft as a Church of England school are outstanding'*. We are incredibly proud of our school community where our number one priority is to provide an excellent standard of education and wide range of experiences that prepare our young people for a successful and fulfilled life beyond school. Our website www.ashs.org.uk has much more information on how we set out and are delivering this vision. Furthermore, we have a very active Twitter feed which has daily updates, highlighting the many aspects of school life.

Although we have all experienced significant challenges and disruption over the past year, as a school we were committed to ensuring all students could access our curriculum remotely with lessons available online since March 2020 and the start of the global pandemic. We adapted very quickly, determined to ensure excellent teaching and learning experiences remained in place, reflecting our on-going focus on providing a broad and balanced curriculum that includes subjects like Drama, Engineering and Music that many schools have stopped offering for financial reasons.

In August 2018 ASHS was a founder school as part of the St. Benet's Multi Academy Trust (MAT). St. Benet's is the second MAT within the Diocese of Norwich and currently comprises 7 schools including Garboldisham, Newton Flotman, Harleston Primary, Dickleburgh, Diss Infant and Junior. In addition, St. Mary's Long Stratton is an Associate Member. The Trust has enabled excellent opportunities for collaboration between the schools as we learn from each other and develop a consistent, joined up approach to learning from age 3-16.

I was appointed as Head of School upon Academy conversion in 2018 and more recently as Headteacher. I have worked at ASHS since 2011 and have invested a significant amount of time and energy into improving standards, raising the profile of the school in our community and ensuring that the transition between our feeder schools and ASHS is the best in the country. This latter aspect is a real 'jewel in our crown' as parents and carers appreciate the care and interest that we take in their children for the 2 years leading up to them joining our community. So much so that since September 2019 we have been oversubscribed in Year 7, welcoming children from 15 different schools. We currently have almost 500 students on roll, the most the school has ever had in its history.

We always welcome visitors to the school and would be delighted to take Councillors on a tour. At present this would need to be out of school hours due to the current Covid-19 Risk Assessment in place. If you would like to find out more and visit us in person, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rob Connelly
Headteacher

The Tivetshalls Neighbourhood Plan

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 5 May 2021

The Tivetshalls Parish Council agreed during early 2020 to engage Rachel Leggett Associates to provide consultancy services to aid the Steering Group in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

The Steering Group was made up of the 4 Parish Councillors plus other interested residents, totalling 10. The group was considered to be a good reflection of the village in terms of location, age and family size.

The Parish Council successfully applied for grants to carry out the work from SNDC (South Norfolk District Council) and Locality (providing government funding and technical support to NPlan groups). The monies are strictly controlled and can only be spent in accordance with the budget forecast in the applications. No expenditure could be incurred prior to receipt of the grants.

In September 2020 the first formal session of the Steering Group took place in the Village Hall. These were strictly in line with Covid prevention. The day achieved a full understanding of where NPlans fit within Planning Legislation. It cannot be in conflict with existing central government or local planning authority legislation. It will form part of the legislation for any future developments within the The Tivetshalls. There was quite a lot to learn of national and local planning arrangements. All policies drawn up by the Steering Group have to evidenced to prove they have been created based on the wishes and desires of the residents. The draft Aims, Vision and Objectives for the The Tivetshalls NPlan were created along with a timeline of work to be carried out. These can be amended arising from results of consultation with residents.

Covid 19 restrictions meant a public consultation launch event in the Village Hall was not possible. Placecheck was used for residents to record online their opinions of any area within the parish boundaries. Large A1 poster boards advertising Placecheck and the NPlan in general were displayed across all areas of the village over the following 6 months. A separate section was added to the Parish Council website and updated regularly. A Facebook page was also set up and again is updated on a frequent basis including reminders to complete the Household Survey. An interview took place on Park Radio encouraging the completion and return of surveys.

Emma Harrison (R Leggett Associates) researched and compiled a profile report of The Tivetshalls. A comprehensive document. The Steering Group members carried out Character Assessments of every road, public right of way and area of the village, taking photographs and recording very detailed information. These included ages and styles of homes, materials used, space between, road features, widths of verges and roads, pavements, lighting, sign posts, parking locations, green spaces, agricultural land, features, views. Everything. These were compiled into one document and sent to Aecom (a company providing the technical support via Locality). The first draft of Design Codes should be with the group next week.

In addition Aecom were asked to research and compile a Housing Needs Assessment. They researched formal data and have provided a report. It does make interesting reading. It details everything from the number and value of properties, their sizes, types, tenures (rented – private or social, owned), ages of residents, average earnings, and the deposit and earnings required to purchase.

The Steering Group created and distributed a survey to every household. The response numbers were much higher than the norm. 43% in comparison to an expected 15%. The Steering Group were heartened by how many were received. The vast majority were in accordance with each other. Quiet, peaceful, spacious, views, dark skies, wildlife and green spaces, individual nature of buildings,. It also gave an understanding of future housing needs – downsizing, upsizing.

We are now at the stage of developing policies. These are the “rules” by which any changes to the village must observe. Street lighting and dark skies, protection of certain green spaces, identification and preservation of non-designated heritage assets (The Ford, Church Lane and similar).

On 22 May we will have a stand at the Tivetshalls Craft and Food Fayre and the opportunity to ask questions and enquire will be there for the first time.

The Steering Group has met since September via zoom every couple of weeks and continue to do so. We have had a tour of the village via Google earth explaining to the Aecom employee on the style of our village and its environment. Without the improved B4RN broadband it would not have been as easy. We are grateful to them. The Steering Group is accountable to the Parish Council and makes reports directly to each council meeting. The grant funds are held in the Parish Council bank account. Invoices are paid once approved by the Steering Group and agreed for payment at Parish Council meetings. Unspent Locality grant had to be returned at the end of the financial year and a new application for the remaining monies to be claimed will be submitted very shortly.

The last year has seen 2 members withdraw due to family commitments and another will be moving from the village shortly.

I want to place on record my thanks to the members of the Steering Group for the large number of meetings they have attended via Zoom; delivery of the household survey, lots of walking, note and photo taking for work relating to the Character Assessment, to Peter Leonard who took further photographs throughout the village, and to Rachel Leggett Associates – in particular Rachel herself. Without her guidance, knowledge and lots of work on our behalf including organising the Zoom meetings this Neighbourhood Plan would not have progressed.

There is still a lot of work to do. However, once we create the final draft the NPlan has to be referred to SNDC for compliance, to a Commissioner for approval and finally it will be presented to the residents of The Tivetshalls and a referendum (vote) will take place which we are aiming to take place in May 2022.

Alyson Read

Chair

The Tivetshalls Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Tivetshall St. Margaret with St. Mary PCC 2019 Report

Review of the Year

There were 5 PCC meetings held during the year, the Annual Meeting in April at the Church and regular meetings in January, May, July and October at the home of Peter and Maggie Rowan. We thank them for their hospitality.

The accounts for the year show a significant deficit on expenditure over income but reserves were used to ensure we were able to pay the Benefice Quota in full.

The arrangement to join the Gissing congregation for services once per month has continued and we have also been pleased to welcome them to our services on occasions.

A summer Flower Festival attracted visitors to the church in June and raised more than £500 for Church funds.

The Remembrance Sunday service was opened by Kevin Hegarty's playing of the Last Post and Reveille at St Margaret's. Children from the village school attended a Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial at St Mary's.

The children and their parents also held a Christingle Service at the church. The Carols by Candlelight Service in mid December was well attended. Members of the PCC were pleased to provide and decorate a 'Memory Christmas Tree' a good number of 'memory stars' were attached by members of the congregation.

A Prayer Request Box placed in the church is still used occasionally.

Church Fabric and Maintenance

Following a generous donation from Tivetshall Friends and Family we were able to purchase much needed new Calor gas heaters for the Church. We are also grateful for a grant from the Parish Council of £250.

The churchyard was maintained by a rota of volunteers led by Dr P Rowan to whom we are grateful and 2 cleaning days ensured the church and the graveyard were kept clean and tidy to welcome visitors.

Our regular organist Julie Savory has moved away from the village and is no longer able to play on Sunday mornings. We are very appreciative for her many years of playing at our Sunday services and wish her well for the future. We are delighted that friends from other parishes have been able to play for us at some services.

Our thanks go to Mr David Baker for his continued help when electricity is needed in the church.

Thanks also to all those who help with cleaning the church and providing and arranging flowers, contributions which help to make the church welcoming for our visitors.

The Friends of St Mary's have maintained the churchyard to a high standard.

Overseas and Charity links

We are in Partnership with Tear Fund for their general work with children.

We continued to support the Leprosy Mission by collecting stamps, and the Lent Giving jar.

The proceeds of the Carols by Candlelight service were given to St Martin's Trust for their work with the homeless.

Deanery Synod Meetings

Meetings are attended by a representative when possible.

Thanks

Finally we wish to thank all those who support us in keeping our church open for visitors and able to hold regular services throughout the year.

This includes our readers, Bryan Fletcher and Alma Noble, members of the congregation who have led and participated in services during the year; Maurice Websdell, our verger and organ blower, and those who bring coffee and biscuits for the services.

Tivetshall St. Margaret with St. Mary PCC 2020 Report

Review of the Year

In early 2020 Covid 19 restrictions meant that almost all church activity had to cease. It was not possible to hold PCC meetings and apart from a brief period in the summer it was not possible to hold services. One PCC meeting was held in January, but all other meetings were cancelled including the AGM.

Clearly the pandemic has had a devastating impact on Church finances and it has not been possible to meet our Benefice Quota commitment in full.

In the summer we wished Rev'd David Mills a 'Happy Retirement'. We are very grateful for his dedication and support over the years he has been with us. Going forward the parish is to become part of the Diss Benefice and we look forward to the opportunity this gives us to become part of a bigger community of churches and to make new friends.

Church Fabric and Maintenance

When lockdown restrictions on movement allowed, maintenance of the Church and churchyard was carried out by a small team of volunteers. We are grateful to them for their continued support.

2020 has been a year like no other and many challenges remain for 2021 but we are grateful for the blessings we have enjoyed and look forward to a return to more 'normal' times in 2021.

Tivetshall Village Hall Management Committee

Report to Annual Parish Meeting – 5 May 2021

After a successful Craft Fayre on 29 February 2020, the first Lockdown in March 2020 resulted in the closure of the Village Hall to all hirers and prospective hirers and obviously the cessation of the TTJ Pop Up Café. The Treasurer submitted a successful claim for a Covid grant from SNDC (South Norfolk District Council). The monies seem a lot but with zero income and the basic running costs of the hall being only very slight less without hirers it was anticipated and planned that this money may have to last a long time. We have spent money on handsfree sanitisers, notices, a ramp so we have an accessible one way system for entry and exit.

With many residents isolating, others not wishing to go out to shops and online deliveries very difficult to organise, the Committee Members in conjunction with the owners of The Old Ram put together Grocery and Green Grocery boxes. They used the local suppliers to the Old Ram and purchased further basic groceries. Using Facebook, word of mouth and leaflets orders for boxes were taken. These were either collected or delivered for the next few weeks. Many positive relationships have sprung up and have continued where people are either adding their neighbour's needs to their on line supermarket order or when they go out to the shops.

The fully organised VE day celebrations had to be cancelled. We had planned a daytime indoor and outdoor community afternoon with cakes and tea, a bouncy castle for children outside and a music duo for the evening. Some quick thinking resulted the first of our solely takeaway bakes. An 'afternoon tea' package was put together and orders were plentiful. Where households were isolating we delivered. A number of neighbours had their 'afternoon tea' in their own front gardens, had bunting and union jacks flying and able to sing songs in hearing of each other.

We followed with a couple of further pre-ordered takeaway bakes to make up for the lack of Pop Up Café.

Under strict Covid safe conditions and with the necessary additional facilities and arrangements the café re-opened on 1 July and ran fortnightly until first week of November. We provided outside seating and this proved extremely popular. A number of different crafters were in attendance monthly. We invited Jim's Grocery van to come to our village and it was present in the VHall car park on café days.

11th October a Car boot, Craft Fayre and Farmers Market was held. FOTS (Friends of Tivetshall School) organised a garage sale for the same day and also ran games in the school playground. A huge and popular turnout was the result.

The second lockdown through November put the café out of business again and despite the opportunity to open in mid December the Committee took the view that any possible risk to residents was not worth it. The planned Christmas Craft Fayre was cancelled. We decided a date of March would be a better time to hold a craft fayre. The third lockdown from January and only being lifted gradually now meant a further postponement of the Saturday Craft Fayre.

The closure of the hall was taken as an opportunity to carry out changes. The stage has been reduced in depth which has the benefit of creating a large storage area at the back and access steps to the front of the stage gives the advantage of the space on left hand side also being a storage space. Any enquiry from a potential new group always results in a question about keeping

equipment at the hall. We hope this increase in storage space that a greater number of regular activities will take place in the future.

In addition we have a kitchen refit scheduled for Mid July it is envisaged to take 2 weeks. We will have to close the TTJ café. When completed it will provide facilities for the cooking of food on the premises, a takeaway serving 'hatch' amongst other changes to the current kitchen and bar space.

Re-Opening in 2021 is set by the Government at 17th May. On Saturday 22 May we are hosting a Craft and Food Fayre. 40 stalls are booked and more on the waiting list. FOTS, the Parish Council and The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will also be present with stands/stalls.

We have a new hirer – a Line Dancing Group will meet there every Wednesday evening starting in June. Amanda Pilates has indicated they will be returning once it is considered safe to do so. We hope the Bowls Club will return in due course too.

We have already taken a private function booking for 2022!

We are looking forward to seeing our previous hirers back at the hall, we have missed our TTJ café regular customers. We are planning an event in September to celebrate the changes to the hall.

A few Committee members have had to leave us during the year – either extra work responsibilities or moving from the village. Our special thanks for all their hard work, their ideas and friendship to Bev, Andrea and Doreen.

Alyson Read

On behalf of the Tivetshall Village Hall Management Committee