

The Mardler

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Parish Office

The Parish Council office in the Village Hall is in the process of being refurbished. When work is complete, the parish office will be larger and more accommodating for local people to visit with their queries. We will also be in a position to extend its opening hours for members of the public to drop in with any queries. From Monday 4th July, the parish office will be open as follows:

**Mondays
10am – 2pm**

**Tuesdays
10am – 2pm**

**Fridays
10am - Midday**

With the increased workload for the Parish Council over recent years, the Parish Council has employed another member of staff. We are very pleased to introduce Diane Dunstan to the team. Diane has been in post since April and brings a valuable amount of administration experience to the team which she will be using to support the current Parish Council set up. Please feel free to pop into the hall during its new opening hours to say hello and introduce yourself.

Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Update

Work continues to progress on Swanton Morley's Neighbourhood Plan and Breckland District Council's Local Plan. Both of these documents are designed to plan how best to use space and obtain adequate levels of development. The Local Plan will set policies for the whole Breckland District whereas our Neighbourhood Plan will complement the Local Plan, adding extra planning policies and aspirations which will only apply to Swanton Morley.

Various areas of land have been put forward by local landowners for potential future development in the village. Officers from Breckland District Council have recently visited all these sites in the village and are currently preparing their report on which sites they feel are best suited, from a planning policy perspective, for development. It is anticipated that these reports will be made available to the public from early July, which will then coincide with public meetings in the local area to obtain further information and speak to the officers involved. There will then be a further 6 week consultation on the sites selected by Breckland District Council for potential future development.

To keep up to date with Breckland District Council's Local Plan, go to:

<http://www.breckland.gov.uk/Emerging-Local-Plan>

Here you can register your interest to receive email updates on the local plan. You can also follow Breckland District Council on Facebook and Twitter.

Work on Swanton Morley's Neighbourhood Plan continues. A sustainability appraisal scoping report is in the process of being produced. This technical document is a detailed analysis of Swanton Morley as a whole and will be used to test the policies we create to make sure that they do not have a net negative effect on the village. It is not site specific in relation to areas of proposed development. Once agreed it can be sent to the statutory consultees (The Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England). Once this is agreed, the policies can be considered for the Neighbourhood Plan, under the categories of Landscape and Environment, Design, Local Economy, Community Facilities and Transport and Growth.