

# The Mardler

The Newsletter of Swanton Morley Parish Council  
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## Harkers Lane Improvements

As part of the Rectory Road development, the legal agreement states that the developer must pay £10,000 to Norfolk County Council to contribute to a Type 1 surface along Harkers Lane. This is to create a safe route from the new development to the school and village services, avoiding as much vehicular movement as possible. We are pleased to report that the developer paid this money on a timely basis, but despite two attempts, Norfolk County Council has failed to lay the Type 1 surfacing as has been requested by the Planning Authority. To date, Norfolk County Council is insisting that their work is adequate, however the Parish Council continues to argue that the surfacing is not sufficient, will not drain properly, will be lost with increasing movement and is still not in keeping with the legal agreement. The Parish Council expects the Planning Authority (Breckland District Council) to take planning enforcement action if the correct surfacing is not laid. The village can only have confidence in the planning process if the village receives what it has been promised in the Section 106 legal agreement.

## Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan is making good progress.

Two public meetings have been held at Swanton Morley Village Hall, both with good turn outs and attendees being very positive about the village and where improvements can be made. Attendees were

able to see a map of the village showing where areas of land have been put forward for potential development. This map is available to view in the parish office on a Monday between 10am and 2pm when the Clerk is onsite.

### What People Like Most About Swanton Morley

- 1) Local facilities, amenities and access to open space
- 2) People, community and village feel
- 3) No crime

Under Breckland District Council's emerging local plan, they would like to allocate a further 145 houses (on top of those that already have planning permission) to the village. The Steering Group will help the Parish Council decide if this is an appropriate level of development and if so, where is the best place for it and what kind of infrastructure improvements does the village need to support it. Several people have volunteered to become part of the Steering Group to

### What People Like Least About Swanton Morley

- 1) Scale of proposed development and loss of village character
- 2) Infrastructure issues – drainage, no gas, poor Broadband and lack of mobile signal
- 3) Shortage of affordable houses

move the Neighbourhood Plan forward and start developing the planning policies that will apply only to Swanton Morley. The first meeting of the Steering Group will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at

Swanton Morley Village Hall. There is still opportunity to join the Steering Group, so if you are passionate about the village and would like to help shape future development, please get in touch with the Clerk on 01362 637166.

### What People Would Change About Swanton Morley

- 1) Traffic (speeding and 'rat-running')
- 2) Affordable housing for local people
- 3) Improve infrastructure (including provision for school expansion), Scale of proposed development and loss of village character

**LM Hostead – The Garage** Due to their retirement Lindsay and Maureen would like to thank all their loyal customers for their support over the years. We wish Alex, Chris and Vicky all the best at the garage in the future

## Manns Lane Drainage Scheme

New correspondence has been received from Norfolk County Council about the drainage of surface water on Manns Lane.

An improved scheme has been proposed by Norfolk County Council which should start week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Work will last for 4-6 weeks so there will be a period of inconvenience. However, these works will be welcomed by those living on Manns Lane and those who regularly travel to the school and village hall.

## Land Transfer Requests

The Parish Council is continuing discussions with Breckland District Council about having land in the Middle Camp area, transferred to the Parish Council. The Parish Council believes that it can better maintain these areas of land and preserve them as areas of green open space in perpetuity for the people of the village. However, there are legal issues surrounding some area of land that Breckland District Council must address prior to the Parish Council considering taking them on

### Swanton Morley Village Hall Dates For Your Diary

**MINI MONKEYS GYM Starts Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** Soft play gym for 0-5s. Contact 07749 040812

**CANINE FIRST AID Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 1.30pm.** Contact Fleximed on 01362 667795

**PAWS 4 FUN - DOG SHOW & FUN DOG AGILITY Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 3pm** Contact [www.paws4fun.info](http://www.paws4fun.info)

**PAMPER EVENT / FUND RAISER FOR SWANTON MORLEY SCHOOL Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** Times to be confirmed, but keep the date free!

**FAMILY FIRST AID Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.** Contact Fleximed on 01362 667795

**WEDDING FAYRE Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm.** Contact Karen on 07518 507515

**DEREHAM CARNIVAL DOG SHOW Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.** Visit [www.derehamcarnival.co.uk](http://www.derehamcarnival.co.uk)

## PHONE BOXES

The Parish Council has now purchased both the red phone boxes in the village. The first has been refurbished and is located at Swanton Morley Village Hall as a library. Please feel free to borrow any of the pre-loved books and then bring them back for someone else to enjoy. Donations are also always welcome.

The second phone box on the traffic island outside the village shop has recently been adopted and will shortly be refurbished. It is intended to use this box as an information point for the village. We would like to place on record our thanks to Mrs Nancy Briggs for planting daffodil bulbs on the island around the box. We look forward to seeing the results in the spring.

## VILLAGE SHOP PARKING

A white line has been painted outside the village shop to prevent parking on the road. Parking outside the shop is dangerous on this junction and is unnecessary as there is ample car parking behind the shop.

## Ask the Council

**Q. We heard there was going to be a housing development on Elsing Road – is this going ahead?**

A. A planning application was submitted for a residential development of 4 houses. The Parish Council strongly objected to this, citing that these were the wrong type of houses for the village in the wrong location. The planning application has been withdrawn.

**Do you have a question you would like to ask the Council?** If so, write to the Mardler via the clerk and we will publish the best questions and answers.

### Your Parish Councillors are:

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<b>John Keen</b> 07767 405098	<b>Bernie Marsham</b> 01362 637300	<b>Seamus O'Dowd</b> c/o 01362 637166

For any further information about the Parish Council, or comments and submissions to The Mardler, please contact the clerk, Faye LeBon on 01362 637166, email [parishcouncil@swantonmorley.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@swantonmorley.org.uk), check out the website [www.swantonmorley.org.uk](http://www.swantonmorley.org.uk) or write to 32 Humbletoft Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2RT