

# The Mardler

The Newsletter of Swanton Morley Parish Council  
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## Environmental Action Group

Swanton Morley is blessed with some wonderful natural areas. The Parish Council is responsible for managing areas such as Mill Common which holds the status of Higher Level Environmental Stewardship, Burgh Common which allows public access to the River Wensum and Little Common, the hidden gem of the village. We are looking for volunteers to help us form working parties to help maintain and improve these and other areas of the village which are in public ownership and are valuable environmental assets. Working parties will be arranged on a regular basis for tasks which could include scrub clearance, tree pruning and litter picking.



There is no obligation to attend working parties if they are not at a convenient time, and all equipment and insurance will be provided. To register your interest in helping out, please contact the clerk on 637166 or parishcouncil@swantonmorley.org.uk

## Neighbourhood Planning Update

It has been a very busy time for those involved in Swanton Morley's Neighbourhood Plan. The third Neighbourhood Plan public meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February which was attended by over 100 people. At this meeting, people gave their opinions on what mattered to them about the village,

**“Green space to be maintained between Swanton Morley and Dereham”**

under the categories of the Local Economy, Design, Transport, Growth, Community Facilities and Landscape and Environment. All comments made will be reviewed and those that have the most support will, where possible, be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Further public consultation will be held later on in the

**“Bus service needed at weekends even if at reduced service”**

year to review the policies in the plan. Our consultant continues to work on the more technical aspects of the plan, including the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. This report contains ‘base line’ data for Swanton Morley which is being used to identify the sustainability issues and to develop the framework that will be used to ‘test’ the Neighbourhood Plan.

**“More after school activities either at school or village hall to help with childcare needs”**

We also took the opportunity to display all the sites put forward by landowners for potential development and gave everyone the opportunity to have their say on their preferred sites. This consultation not only assisted us with our Neighbourhood Plan, but also our response to Breckland District Council's Local Area Plan Preferred Options consultation. Breckland District Council proposes an extra 145 houses for the village which will help assist them to achieve their housing target from the government. The greatest level of public support was to expand the current Rectory Road site, followed by the neighbouring site along Hoe Road East. This has been communicated to Breckland District Council along with our opinion of infrastructure improvements which would be required.

**A consultation questionnaire: can we improve facilities for your community group to enjoy visiting our Parish Church? – find your copy delivered with this edition of the Mardler**

## Manns Lane Drainage Scheme

Manns Lane is now closed for a period of 7 weeks to allow for an improved drainage system to be installed. We appreciate that there will be inconvenience caused during this closure, but to keep this inconvenience to a minimum, please could people using a car to get to the school and the village hall ensure that they add 5 minutes onto their journey time to account for the traffic using the diversion, and use the Village Hall car park to turn their vehicle around, rather than trying to turn in the road.

## Harkers Lane Improvements

The Parish Council has successfully negotiated the funding to improve Harkers Lane to a MOT Type 1 surface. Norfolk County Council, Breckland District Council, Capita and the Parish Council has agreed a scheme and funding for the works which are expected to commence at the end of May. A closure order for Harkers Lane will be issued for a period of approximately 3 weeks.

### Swanton Morley Village Hall Dates For Your Diary

#### DEREHAM CARNIVAL DOG SHOW

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.** Entries from 10am, judging from 11am. Stalls and family fun day raising money for the Dereham Carnival

#### RED RUN DOG AGILITY SHOW

**14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.** A superb weekend with some of the nation's most talented dogs. Free to watch with trade stands Helping to raise money for Cancer Research

#### LEE PARKER MEMORIAL DANCE with the Lee Vasey Band

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** Tickets £15 (includes a hog roast) from 07590 320400. All profits go directly to Dereham Cancer Care

#### EGSR FUNDAY AND DOG SHOW

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May.** Music, Stalls, Food, Arena entertainment and of course lots of dogs!

#### CANINE 1<sup>st</sup> AID

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.** Look after your 4 legged friend in the event of an emergency. Contact Fleximed on 01362 667795

## Premises License for Darbys Field

This premises license application has caused great contention in the village. The applicant, his agent and parishioners raising concerns attended the Parish Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the matter. As a result the applicant has submitted the condition below to attach to any license granted: "The number of music events allowed to take place within the annual period for when licensable activities are permitted by this licence shall be limited to 2 'one day' occasions. Written notification of these music events taking place will be given to the Licensing Authority and Swanton Morley Parish Council no less than 21 days prior to such an event going ahead." The Parish Council is satisfied that this condition will strike the right balance between supporting this village business which is essential to the economy of the village and giving local people peace of mind that any inconvenience will be kept to a minimum.

## Ask the Council

**Q. We hear there has been a resignation from the Parish Council – is this true?**

A. Regrettably yes. Ben McCall has been offered a new job which will mean he will be unable to attend Parish Council meetings in the future. We would like to place on record our thanks to Ben for all his hard work over the last 2 years. The Parish Council is now going through the process of electing another councillor.

**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.

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