

# The Mardler

The Newsletter of Swanton Morley Parish Council  
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## Annual Parish Meeting

The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out from the Parish Council and other village groups what has happened in Swanton Morley this year and what plans are for the future. All those who are on the Electoral Register have a statutory right to speak and vote at the meeting. The electors may give others who attend, the opportunity to speak. The meeting is open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council is working with Hastoe Housing Association to establish whether there is a local need for affordable housing. There will be a 'housing needs survey' conducted in due course to help us achieve this. This survey will be conducted by Community Action Norfolk on our behalf, and they treat all responses in the strictest confidence. We would encourage all parishioners to complete this because the more responses we receive, the more accurate the results will be.

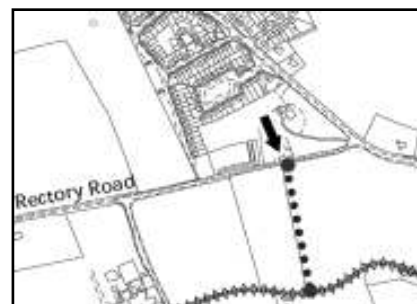
## Permissive Footpaths – Have Your Say!

There are different types of public footpath in the village. Some, such as Harkers Lane, appear on the definitive map of public rights of way and have legal protection for public use. Others are known as permissive pathways. These are time limited agreements between a landowner and the government to open pathways across their land. There are several permissive pathways which have a legal agreement that ends in 2019. These footpaths are:



*From Hoe Road North to Worthing Road, and a circular route from Primrose Hill to Worthing Road*

*Rectory Road to Harkers Lane*



*Entrance via Dereham Road and circular route behind Lincoln House and Woodgate Park.*



The Parish Council is considering entering into a legal agreement with the landowner to keep these footpaths available to local people, however this agreement may have to be funded from the Swanton Morley precept (part of your council tax). We welcome people's views on this matter, which will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April. If you cannot make this meeting, please contact the Clerk (details overleaf) with your thoughts.

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

The problems that Swanton Morley has encountered with the Neighbourhood Plan have now been well publicised. Firstly, George Freeman MP raised this in Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> January, generating similar concerns raised from other MPs. Secondly, the parish's concerns appeared on BBC Sunday Politics East on 4<sup>th</sup> March. This led to agreement by Sir Henry Bellingham MP that the legislation relating to Neighbourhood Planning needs to be strengthened.

George Freeman has facilitated further talks with Breckland District Council to resolve matters, and is also trying to facilitate a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Housing and Planning, to further discuss matters and look for a legislative resolution.

The Parish Council is clear that the watered-down Plan that the examiner was recommending is not good enough for the people of Swanton Morley and is far too open to interpretation by developers.

## Ask the Council

### Q. How Can We Help the Community Car Scheme?

A. The Community Car Scheme is a lifeline for people who have medical appointments but cannot access transport to get there. Two more drivers are required to join the pool of wonderful volunteers who make this scheme such a success. Drivers are compensated at 45p per mile. Please contact Anne Sadler on 01362 638588.

**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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For any further information about the Parish Council, 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), follow @SwantonClerk on Twitter or write to Swanton Morley Village Hall, Manns Lane, NR20 4NP

## Appeal to Tidy Up Escaped Wheelie Bin Waste

With some of the adverse weather conditions we have had, we have been asked to remind parishioners to please clear up litter that falls out of blown over wheelie bins. There are local volunteers who pick up litter in their local area when they have the chance, and they have advised that the litter problem is exacerbated by people not clearing up litter when their wheelie bin has blown over or the lid has blown open. Where possible, please put out your bin in a sheltered location when it is windy, and if your rubbish does escape from your bin, please clear it up!

## Abandoned Cars

The Parish Council is receiving increased complaints about abandoned vehicles. Some of these vehicles have actually been SORN'd by their owner and are therefore not technically abandoned. May we remind parishioners that if they SORN their vehicle it must be kept on private land.

## Swanton Morley Festival

Work is underway to create a Swanton Morley Festival in 2019. The provisional dates set for this are from 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August, with numerous events going on to celebrate all things about the village. Anyone is welcome to get involved and the next open meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at the Village Hall. Check out the Council's website and the Swanton Morley Festival facebook page to keep up to date.

## General Data

### Protection Regulations

These will come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Part of this means we will need your consent to hold certain data and to forward this to other bodies. For example, if you enquired about a service we do not provide (eg: a highways complaint, which is dealt with by Norfolk County Council), we cannot forward your details on without your consent. This might extend the time it takes to resolve your query but we are only acting in compliance with this new legislation.