



Dullingham Parish Council

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The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that those who serve, or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should be treated fairly and should not face disadvantages when seeking to access services in the UK. The Covenant also provides for special provision to be made for those who have given the most, where this is justified. Dullingham Parish Council would like to support the Armed Forces Covenant where we can. Obviously, being a small village there are limits with what we can do. However, we feel that we can at least support the following:

- Promote **awareness** of housing and homelessness services among the Armed Forces Community.
- Ensure available **dedicated healthcare services** for members of the Armed Forces Community, such as [Op COURAGE](#) in England, are signposted and promoted.
- Organise, facilitate, promote and/or take part in **remembrance and other ceremonial activities**.
- Support or promote Armed Forces events, such as Armed Forces Day/Week, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance activities.
- **Signpost** members of the Armed Forces Community to available support, for example from [Cobseo](#), the [Veterans' Gateway](#) or statutory services in your area.

We would also like to have an idea of numbers who live in the village and would be covered by the Covenant. As such, if any villagers who serve, have served in the Armed Forces, or families thereof, would like to make themselves known to the PC, we would have an idea of how to proceed.

Pavilion update. we are continuing to improve the facilities at the sports field. New UPVC doors are being installed in the coming weeks when it stops raining long enough for a van to drive onto the field. These are desperately needed as the present ones were only meant to be temporary when they were installed a few years ago.



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We are looking into installing some form of heating into the building which will make it more attractive to hire out to users and we also would like to improve the driveway up to the field as it is extremely uneven at the moment.

We are also looking forward to welcoming back Newmarket Cricket Club to the ground for another season of competitive cricket. If anyone is interested in joining the club or helping out in any way please get in contact with them.

Speeding Following an approach from a group of Parishioners regarding the problem of speeding through the village, particularly Brinkley Road, the Council arranged a meeting with Cambridgeshire Highways, to discuss any possible solutions that maybe available subject to funding.

During a helpful meeting there were several possible options that may be available in the future, depending on available funds, to assist to try and slow people travelling through the village.

The Council feel the most cost effective and affordable approach would be to apply to push back 30mph speed limit at either end of the village. We are keen to know if this is supported by the community.

Initially we hope to help facilitate residents who are in the process of introducing a new "Speed Watch Group" to help monitor the speed of vehicles.

If you would be interested in giving some time to be part of the Speed Watch Team or have a view on the possible solution, please contact cllr.parkins@dullingham-pc.org.uk

Sports Field dog poo Feel free to walk your dog around the Sports Field *on a lead*, but please remember to pick up and bin any dog poo.

The 2024 Litter Pick will take place from Friday 29th March until 28th April. The Parish Council has a supply of grabbers, hi vis vests, bin bags, gloves. If you would like to take part, please let me know which verges you would like to help clear and when you would like to use the equipment.

Please help to keep our lovely village clean and tidy!!

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The Parish council was pleased to give a financial donation to the **Ellesmere Centre** towards the running of the warm hub. This is an invaluable resource for many people.

Please keep to footpaths when walking in the countryside. The “grassy” area alongside crops are wildlife areas and not for walkers. Dogs are not permitted in the woods which are privately owned and provide habitat for wildlife. Watery Lane is a bridlepath which allows riders and cyclists to use, but all the other local paths are for pedestrians only.

Please remember that if the village **stream** runs through or next to your property, to clear any debris that has accumulated and is blocking the flow of the stream, as it can cause unnecessary flooding.

Flint Walls Unfortunately a number of flint walls are in a very loose state, caused partly by continual wet weather and also their age. Please be aware that these walls are adjacent to the pavement and can pose a significant hazard to the public. Please monitor the state of your walls.

Please be vigilant when out and about as there have been a couple of **fire incidents** in the local area. Remember fires can get out of control very quickly especially when there is a strong wind. Do not hesitate to contact the emergency services for the fire service who will also inform the police of the incident.

Fire destroys thousands of acres of countryside, open space and wildlife habitat every year. Sadly, many of these fires are started deliberately but, by following a few simple precautions, many others can be prevented.

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