



# Dullingham Parish Council

## December 2023

The Parish Council were pleased to see some of the residents of Brinkley Road at our latest meeting, and together are going to take action and source funding to reduce speeding within the village as a whole. The Parish Council are arranging for the Local Highways Engineer and District Councillors to have a site visit and assess the situation. If you would like to get involved with a community led speed watch, please contact the lead of Community Speed watch Laura [lauraandmark88@outlook.com](mailto:lauraandmark88@outlook.com)

We are pleased to welcome Simon Park, as our most recent councillor. We have a place for one more Councillor if you would be interested in getting more involved in village life. There is a meeting once a month lasting approximately one and a half hours. The Councillors take on responsibility for a role each, such as Footpaths, Planning etc. and everything comes together at the meetings.

The pavilion and sports field have been well used this year following extensive refurbishment. It is now permissible to walk well behaved dogs ON LEAD around the periphery of the field, but please PICK UP dog poo, as the field is regularly used by both adults and children for team sport.

The stream flowing through the village is recognised as one of very few chalk streams in the country and indeed, in the world. If you are lucky enough to have the stream flowing through your property please ensure that it is not blocked by debris, as this can cause significant flooding further upstream. If you need help with this, please contact one of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has recently completed a full tree stock survey of all trees on Parish owned land. The encroaching hedge on the Sports Field has been cut back and perimeter trees trimmed. This is an ongoing programme of works to remove some of our less healthy trees and replace them with some new ones.

After a tree branch fell from a private tree and broke the railings alongside the ditch opposite the Kings Head the Parish Council reported an urgent repair via Cambridgeshire County Council but unfortunately nothing has been done since. We are following this up with the assistance of District and County Councillor Alan Sharp and hope we can get this resolved as soon as possible.



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The play area will be closed during the day on 23rd and 24 November for essential maintenance and a fencing upgrade. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope making you aware of this in advance will save a wasted outing.

Following our first full season of working with Newmarket Cricket Club at Dullingham Sport Field, things have quietened down a little and football has returned for the winter. It has been great to see the sports field and pavilion in regular use this year and we look forward to working with all hirers in 2024-25. We continue to keep on top of maintenance jobs to the pavilion itself and at the Parish Council meeting on 9th November the council discussed the priorities for the building in the 2024-25 financial years. It was RESOLVED the focus would be pavilion heating, tables and chairs and driveway surface

Please note that the Council will be launching the “new” Parish Council website which is planned to go live on 1st December 2023, this will mean the Parish website address will now be [www.dullingham-pc.org.uk](http://www.dullingham-pc.org.uk) and Parish Council email addresses will also have changed, see below.

**The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the village a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.**

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