



Dullingham Parish Council

February 2023

As you may have seen in the local press, Dullingham Parish Council were approached *in* the autumn of last year by **Newmarket Cricket Club (NCC)** who were looking for a new home ground. We have signed a 20 year contract with them, with the kind permission of Dullingham Estate Farms from whom we lease the field. They will use the ground for all their home fixtures, most weekends and Wednesday evenings during the season.

There was a meeting of all interested parties in September including Dullingham PC, NCC, Dullingham Sports club etc and after making sure everyone was happy with the situation, it was decided to go ahead. The cricket club at Dullingham was struggling to get a regular team and the pavilion gradually falling into disrepair so we are hoping that with NCC support we can now gradually revitalise this area into a lively hub of the village.

The PC were already in the process of improving the pavilion which, with the help of a grant from East Cambs District Council was completely re roofed last year but there is a lot of work to be done, which comes at a cost. We are currently in the process of applying for another grant from ECDC to help with the next part of the improvements.

NCC have put a lot of time and money into preparing the wicket over the winter and are intending to help out with the refurbishment of the building. They are an enthusiastic team and are very much looking forward to playing at Dullingham. They play to a very good standard and are hoping that local people who are interested in either playing or getting involved in any way will get in touch. Your support on match days would also be very welcome

They also run a junior programme and if you have any boys or girls who are keen to play please get in touch.

The Sports Field/Recreation ground is for the use of all the village, and football matches will continue during the winter months as usual. It's a lovely area and we are hoping that we can eventually make it a place that is a focal point of the village.

If you have any queries or need anymore information on the Sports Field please get in touch with any member of the PC, contacts on website.

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Village Pond The southern side of the village pond is being cut back professionally to let more light into the pond, which will improve the water condition significantly.

Poo disposal and footpaths We have discussed the dog bin scenario on several occasions in the Parish Council. The cost of a bin falls to the PC and also the additional, ongoing cost of it being emptied; this can mount up. It is legal to put the bagged dog waste in one of the many general rubbish bins around the village which are emptied regularly, the waste is then disposed of along with general waste i.e. to landfill. This is much preferable to finding dumped poo bags around the village

The field opposite Bakehouse Hill and Taylors Field, has one official footpath, leading south from the main gate onto the Hope Hall Stud. The path alongside the Hope Hall stud paddock, heading east, is in fact a permissive footpath, which the landowner kindly currently lets the public use. The rest of the route around the field is not in fact a footpath at all, although the landowner is turning a blind eye to this. The centre of the field is not for public use, as he uses it for haymaking. The permissive aspect of the field could change at any time. Please respect the countryside.

Potholes – some statistics: 2019/20 63,000 filled, 2020/21 61,000 filled, 2021/22 48,000 filled. There are currently over 6 thousand potholes still to be repaired. The council suggest that the reduction in numbers over the years is a result of having filled more in previous years, however there is no available data. The County Council has put the same budget towards highways maintenance as in previous years, but with building materials inflation running at near 20%, that is effectively a cut and will put great pressure on the maintenance budget.

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