

# Crimplesham Parish Council Newsletter

## From the Parish Council Chairman

My family have lived in the village for over 16 years having purchased our property as a renovation project. We have lived busy lives for many years and over the last few years I have been fortunate to slow down my work life and take more time for home and other things.

Like many others we love living in our village and take for granted all the functions that keep the village going on a day-to-day basis. A few years ago, we decided to attend a parish council meeting to understand what this all meant. When an opportunity arose for the position of parish councillor I applied for the role and was accepted - my intention being to use my career abilities to help the village in any way that would be beneficial.

This year I had the privilege to be voted chairman and enrolled some new faces to the council. In accepting this position, I wanted to try and make the village the community it once was. I have spent time talking to many people about the past, and some frustrations about the present.

We have started a few small projects to tidy up the village and it will take time (and money) to get where we want to be, but I am sure we all want the same thing, a village to be proud of and a community that is working together.

## Village Speeding

We are pleased to have the SAM2 camera back in the village as from Thursday 14th September. We will now continue to share this with Fincham Parish Council having it month on, month off as it is only allowed to be in place for 4 weeks in one position. Thank you to Parish Councillor Rich Desborough for his support from Fincham. The camera is a shared asset between the villages. Speeding continues to be a real concern for us in Crimplesham. The camera will show drivers their speed but only slow down once they go over the limit. The site and direction will be changed as we have two posts in the village. Data can be collected on the speed of vehicles but does not record number plates. Any ideas or suggestions for traffic calming ideas would be welcomed, so please let the Parish Council know at this email address

[crimpleshamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:crimpleshamparishcouncil@gmail.com). For further information Norfolk County Council has a road safety team on 0344 800 8020 or email [roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk). From Cllr Ashman

We currently have five councillors and would like to recruit more members to assist us in delivering the improvements to the village.

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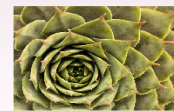
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## Village History

**As winners of the best kept village 1973-4 we received temporary signs erected on the green for a twelve month period each year.**

**The Parish Council decided to approach Mr. Harry Carter of Swaffham to make a permanent sign, as he had done for a number of villages in Norfolk. The new sign should be in agreement with the history of the parish and should go ahead with approximate completion in early May 1976. A base was then erected by the Lane family using Redland bricks manufactured at Swaffham and flint stones from the quarry in the village.**

**The base also incorporated the two Best Kept Village plaques.**

**The sign was completed at a cost of £95, which was raised by public subscription. It was erected and a large gathering of parishioners attended**

**The unveiling of the sign by 95-year-old Mr. Arthur Oakley on the 7 May 1976. The Rector, the Rev. Hector Southgate, said a prayer of dedication.**

**Depicted in the right of the sign is Ailed, a freewoman of the manor, on the left is Rainald, a Norman adventurer who became a landowner**

**In Norfolk. In the background are oxen pulling the plough and a flock of sheep. Nearer to the front is a stream named the Crimple, from which the village took its name centuries ago,**

**Jim Lane**

## With Thanks

**The Parish Council would like to thank David Lane for his years of service to the village as Chairman of the Parish Council.**

**We would also add thanks to Madeleine Bogacki for her work on the restoration of the village sign**

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## Village Projects

During the last PC meeting future projects were discussed on how we move forward as a council on developing our village for the benefit of all residents. We currently are in the process of finding a suitable site with an electrical supply for a much needed Defibrillator. This life saving piece of equipment hopefully will be located in the centre of the village, which is our preferred option, but we need assistance from people within this area to allow the unit on the front of their premises, this will ensure no resident will be more than five minutes away from its location.

With the newly decorated sign now marvelously on show, we feel we need to fully showcase it and celebrate our lovely village. With this in mind the Council are getting together in the near future to plant some seasonal bulbs around the sign. Any volunteers to assist would be greatly welcomed.

Moving onto the Playing Field the old brick storage building in the bottom corner has been cleared of all items inside it and will now be fully painted inside and the old garage door and side door will be removed so a suitable shelter can be utilised by young and old whilst on the field.

Currently Holly Landscapes cut the Village grass, discussions around the possibility of purchasing our own ride on mower to carry out this task ourselves next year. We are also requesting a quotation from Holly Landscapes for a more frequent cutting service to compare the costs. All ideas are most welcome so please let us know if there is anything we can do.

These are just some of the short term projects to hopefully enhance the look of our village and get people talking about what a lovely place we live in.

Remember little acorns grow into large Oak trees, we will continue to do our best to improve the look and facilities available to all in our Parish.

You don't have to be a councilor to help with the projects.

Regards, Cllr Dodds

## PLAY PARK

**The Council is researching options to replace aging items such as the slide that are increasingly expensive to maintain. To freshen it up and to engage the children in safe and fun play to help them develop and we will be looking for ideas, support and potentially fund-raising help. If you would like to help contact the PC.**