

Last year the Parish Council asked residents for their ideas for improvements in the parish. We received a number of replies and have been dealing with these in our meetings. We are pleased to give you the following update. **If you have any other ideas, please let us know. We are always looking to improve what we do and welcome all ideas. These can be submitted to the Council at any time. Please contact the Parish Clerk ([scarningclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:scarningclerk@btinternet.com)) if you would like to put forward your ideas, or to comment on what we do. The Council would like to thank everyone who has submitted an idea.**

### **Dereham Road**

The footpath from Black Horse Close to the Beacon lay-by.

- We are aware of the problems caused to walkers, joggers and so on regarding the overhanging hedge along this stretch of path. The Council is liaising with our county councillor regarding this.
- With regard to widening the section of footpath between Black Horse Close and Hill Rise, we have been advised that this would be very expensive. The Council will be considering this further.
- A cycle path similarly would be an expensive undertaking.
- With regard to traffic and speed on Dereham Road and elsewhere in the parish, a member of the Parish Council has established a Speedwatch group for Scarning. All members of the group are volunteers and the group includes two members of the Parish Council. It is hoped that this will help to reduce speeds and increase driver awareness. We also have a moveable speed sign for use throughout the parish. It is hoped that the Speedwatch group may be able to provide useful information in support of a lower speed limit.
- Dog bins. The Parish Council has installed bins near Black Horse Close and opposite the entrance to Coach Lane. The Council did not consider that more bins were necessary at this time.

### **Seat on Dereham Road**

- The Parish Council considered the installation of a seat on Dereham Road, but concluded that there may not be sufficient use and that there was not a suitable location. The Council noted there is a bench in the Village Sign Lay-by.

### **Cleaning Bus Shelters**

- The Parish Council employed a contractor to clean the shelters on Dereham Road near Chestnut Road and near Black Horse Close. The shelter opposite the church has only recently been installed and the Council does not consider it needs cleaning at the moment.

### **Road Signs**

- We will be requesting that Norfolk County Council's Community Rangers clean the speed signs on our roads.

### **Deer Warning Signs**

- We have been given approval by Norfolk County Council to install signage on the Wendling entrance into the older part of the village and the exit from the same area. We are waiting for the County Council to install these.

### **Shipdham Lane Playing Field**

- It was decided that no further action is needed at this time.

### **Blackthorn Drive Playing Field (Scarning Water Meadows)**

- The Parish Council is applying for grant funding to improve the area beneath the four swings. The Council has recently replaced the swing seats. The Council is seeking permission from Breckland Council with regard to a new Youth Shelter. The Council will continue to upgrade the equipment on the site.

### **The Beacon Newsletter**

- The Council is aware that not all residents have access to the internet. The Council puts a small number of hard copies of the Beacon in the Village Hall and the church each month. The Council is conscious of its environmental impact in terms of the useage of paper and ink to produce hard copies of the newsletter and it is for this reason that it has limited the number of hard copies. The Council would like to encourage all residents to read the Beacon online.

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