



# YELVERTOFT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## February 2022

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held second Monday of every month except for January and August. 7.30pm in the Reading Room. Everyone is very welcome.

The Parish Council are bringing you regular news and updates!

It is fantastic to see the Parish News reincarnated and we wish to sincerely thank everyone involved. Council have received many positive comments on this Parish Council bi-monthly newsletter so we have decided to continue with it. We welcome any feedback or suggestions from residents so please do keep them coming.

### RESIDENT MEETING

We invite all residents to join us for an open meeting. Your councillors will be available to speak to, and there will be displays detailing flood action, KGV Field proposed improvements, climate action plans, plus more. We look forward to seeing you there.



### FLOODING

A meeting has recently taken place with the Chairman, Cllr Cottle, Ward West Northants Councillors, West Northants Council, the Environmental Agency (EA), and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to discuss again what actions can be taken to address the flood risk. Photos of previous flooding were shared, along with the recommendations of the flood reports from the EA from 2016 and 1992, both of which suggest three significant factors that need addressing being 1) the flood storage area on Crick Road needs to be 9 times larger 2) the need to ensure the culvert(s) can take the water flow and 3) realignment of the Yelvertoft brook where it meets Clay Cotton brook. Riparian owners also need to understand their responsibility to keep water flowing and must ensure relevant works are carried out. No culvert should ever be blocked and water channels need to be kept clear of blockages at all times.

### DIRFT EXPANDING TOWARDS YELVERTOFT – WNC SPATIAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Our sincere thanks to all residents who attended the village meeting where the MP, Chris Heaton-Harris, was present. West Northants Council received circa 2,000 local responses to the consultation to which they are currently working through and recording them all. The next phase is expected in the autumn.

### SOLAR FARM - YELVERTOFT

Build has been delayed. The new timescale is - Site preparation October 2022; Solar panel build - Jan 2023; Connection to Grid - June 2023. The developers have offered a £10k p.a. community fund for which the Agreement is currently being considered.

### COME AND JOIN US! – COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We have lots of projects planned relating to climate change, communicating better with residents, KGV Field improvements, plus more. If you would like to be part of any of the teams, or stand for co-option as a councillor, please just let us know.

The relevant authorities were asked why works have not been carried out and the answer was lack of funds. It is thought that the works to the flood storage area could cost £7 million. Matched funding arrangements might apply if the community could investigate possible sources. It was suggested that the Parish Council could borrow up to £1 million!

Work has been carried out by WWT to engage with local landowners regarding natural flood management but progress is slow owing to lack of funding. It may be possible for a combination of funding sources to be explored but this will take time. Meanwhile we will continue to keep lobbying to get action taken, and keep residents informed. <https://slowtheflow.net/> is recommended for good advice. WNC already provide good flood advice and we will continue to add information for residents to the 'Flooding' page on our website.

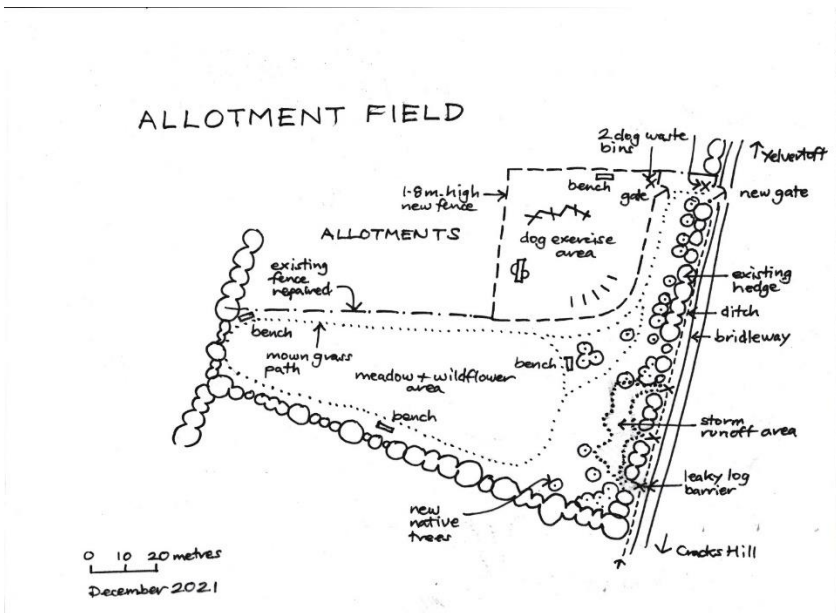
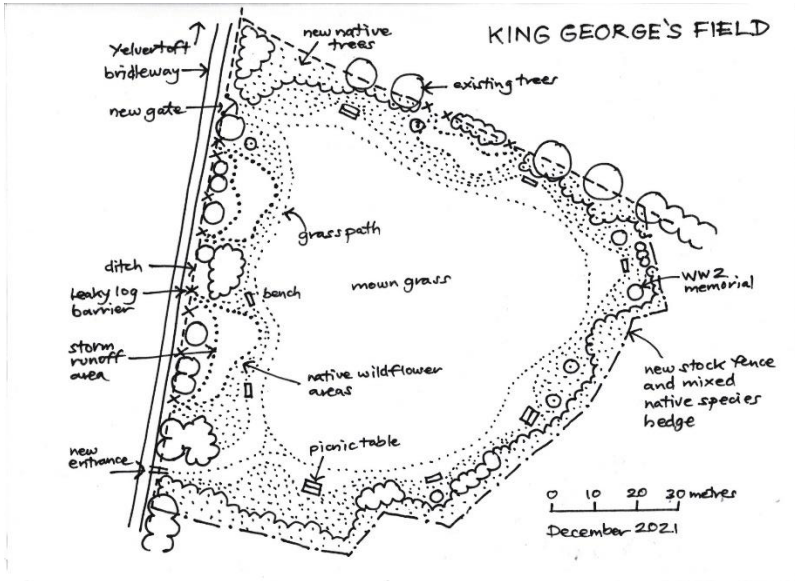
**GRANT FUNDING**

We are pleased to confirm that the 2021/22 Lilbourne windfarm grant has been distributed as follows:

- 1) Yelvertoft Village Hall. Access steps to theatre by pond. £768.43 awarded.
- 2) Yelvertoft Pre-School. Patio canopy. £500 awarded.

**KGV FIELD & ALLOTMENT FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

Council have approved the finalised brief and initial feasibility proposal received from the KGV Field Working Group for the completion of Stage 1 - KGV Field and Allotment Field Action Plan, seeking approval from Fields in Trust, and the commencement of Stage 2.



The King George's Field (KGF) and Allotment Field (AF) are both owned by Yelvertoft Parish Council, each about 0.8 hectares (2acres) in size, located on the south edge of the village and accessed by a public bridleway (see location plan). They are public open spaces currently used for informal recreation. The Parish Council intend to improve the spaces, and since they decided in December 2019 to address climate change, there is an opportunity for the proposals to

respond so that they demonstrate environmental benefits for all residents in the future.

The proposals will introduce new features and facilities in keeping with their rural setting such that their appearance will not radically change.

In 1938 the KGV Field was gifted to the Parish Council as part of the national King George's Field programme to provide open spaces for recreation. Fields in Trust now administer these spaces and their approval of the proposals has been obtained.

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**



Would you like to be part of a working group that looks at events that could be held in Yelvertoft to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? If so, please just let us know.

**NEW SPEED AWARENESS SIGN**

We are very pleased to confirm that the new Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been installed on the High Street. A grant for the full cost of the sign was awarded from the Northamptonshire Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner.



**REPORTING HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS SUCH AS POT HOLES**

If you discover any Highways issues such as pot holes, styles, fallen trees, street signs etc. Please do report them to Northants Highways. Just search for 'Northants Street Doctor' and you can report the issues online. Please report any problems with street lights to the Parish Council.

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