



Dalham and Dunstall Green Parish Council

January 2025



Bulb planting in verges

Following feedback from villagers that they'd like to see more flowers in road verges, a volunteer group of villagers of all ages turned out last November to plant 1000 daffodil bulbs previously purchased by the parish council. The new bulbs were planted in the grassy verge between The Street and the river channel running north from the junction with the B1085 as far as the pedestrian bridge leading to Moulton.



Hopefully springtime will see a substantial increase in the number of flowers along this stretch of road to add to the ones which already grow on other verges in the parish. Many thanks are due to all those who helped plant them.

New bench for the village

After requests from walkers that they'd like a place to sit towards the northern end of the village, the council has used a small element of its reserves to buy a new bench. This will be on the road verge near the pedestrian footbridge leading to Moulton, where it can provide a chance to rest to those walking either within or through the village. The bench should be in place later in the spring, when those using it should be able to enjoy the new daffodils.



Community Speed Watch update

As noted in the May 2024 newsletter, the council continues to pursue additional measures to reduce speeding and the risk of accidents in the village, where there have been a number of worrying traffic incidents. One means of reducing this would be to implement a Community Speed Watch group for Dalham. We have several volunteers for this but more are still needed. Please contact our parish clerk, Antonia King, at clerk@dalhamparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are able to do so.



20s Plenty and other measures

The parish council also believes it would be beneficial to implement a 20mph speed limit in the village were it to be supported by villagers and Suffolk



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Highways. As a first step, the council intends to canvass opinion amongst villagers on the subject and will be producing and circulating a leaflet on this shortly.

The council is consulting Suffolk Highways on the cost and feasibility of any further measures that could be taken beyond these, and will hold a special meeting to discuss the matter later in the spring. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Notice of the meeting will be provided via email and through notices on the boards in Dalham and Dunstall Green.

Updated policies and planning protocol

The last two meetings of the parish council on 8th January 2025 and 13th November 2024 adopted a number of updated and revised policies, including a protocol for dealing with planning applications in the parish. These have been placed on the parish council website at <http://dalhamparishcouncil.gov.uk>. The website also now has a summary of the consultative role and responsibilities of the parish council as regards planning applications.

Village almshouses trustees wanted

There has been a request from the William and Sophia Derisley Almshouses Trust, which runs the three cottage almshouses on Stores Hill, for volunteers willing to take on the role of becoming a trustee.

This requires attending only two meetings a year, but at present there are just three trustees, and two additional ones are urgently required to bring the number up to the specified five.



More information on the almshouses and the trust can be found on the Dalham village website at <https://dalham.com/alms-houses>. Anyone who is willing to help out should contact rachael.padman@btinternet.com.

Parish councillor vacancy

Finally, we still have a vacancy for a parish councillor as well. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact our parish clerk Antonia at clerk@dalhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.