

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report September 2024

The Environment Agency are proposing a flood information board on the coast path to inform visitors of flood defences and risk. Apparently, we have a good flood alert sign up rate amongst residents, but they are worried about those unfamiliar with the coast and want to increase community resilience. For your reassurance, they do say the Cley tidal barrier works automatically and is checked remotely, and the Glaven outfall sluice has its own maintenance schedule.

Anglian Water are planning that some of Edgefield's sewage will be processed by Holt Sewage Treatment Works, due to a lack of capacity in Edgefield itself. We're concerned about capacity at Holt and that there may be additional storm overflows affecting the lower Glaven as a result. Anglian Water says Holt has ample capacity but we wonder if they've taken the frequent tankering of sludge from Cley STW into account.

NNDC have been helping us ensure household bins are in the right place and only put out for pick up the evening before or morning of collection. Many thanks to all those who comply.

From time to time, the Parish Council receives comments about dog fouling. Our dog bins are very well used so we know that the vast majority clear up after their dog! However, my understanding is that a Public Space Protection Order covers all public access land in NNDC and this requires dog waste to be removed or a penalty will be incurred. We're planning to put up some more robust signage to that effect. Dog waste is very nutrient rich and studies have shown that large amounts have the potential to increase growth of certain plants at the expense of others. Given many of our walking paths are through protected landscapes where biodiversity is a feature, this seems another reason to clean up after our pets.

We have been informed that the National Trust has placed a Section 31 deposit on their land which means that going forward no new rights of way can be added, though my understanding is the historical route of past evidence could possibly be used to establish a ROW.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday October 10th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk) and the village WhatsApp group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

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