

## Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report October 2024

We've recently run successful CPR and first aid courses; the instructor has offered to lead another CPR course, perhaps in the evening, and we can easily ask the Red Cross to run additional first aid courses if there are enough takers.

We know its controversial but, on balance, we now think its best the defibrillator code is on the cabinet rather than only given out on telephoning the ambulance service, but we're doing this on the assumption you will still call 999 for help.

Because our ambulance response times are so long, and many live alone or as couples, we thought it worthwhile to set up an Emergency Response Volunteers WhatsApp Group. This will be an informal group of parishioners who are willing to be contacted in the event of an emergency to help with basics such as fetching the defibrillator, a blanket or hot drink. We're also hoping to buy some survival equipment such as a space blanket to store in a central location. We're hoping some training can be arranged but the aim is not to be a blue light service, just to offer help till the professionals arrive. Please contact the clerk on [clerk@cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 07812384889.

We've offered hardship support in previous years to residents, but there doesn't seem as much grant funding this year. The clerk therefore is setting up a Hardship Fund which will help those living in Cley with utility and food bills. If anyone is interested in contributing, we would be very grateful. Again, please contact the clerk on [clerk@cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 07812384889.

In the meantime, for those looking for support, Cley PC's Hardship Support page [cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk), hardship support, does offer lots of help, from advice on how to fill in benefit applications to getting reimbursement for healthcare travel costs.

Our community café has been so successful we are now looking to add a second day. Do get in touch if you would like to join our group of amazing volunteers.

We're holding our autumn Cley litter pick on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. All welcome, please meet us at the Village Hall and bring gloves! The rest of the kit is provided.

On the theme of waste, we had an informative visit to the Glandford Sewage Treatment Works. The number of tanker journeys is much reduced, though high tides and heavy rain do create additional tankering. In general, the works are well within their compliance limits, whatever our views as their stringency, and the UV treatment ensures the final effluent into the Glaven is bacteria free.

We're very grateful to those building or renovating in Cley for paying attention to Cley's Code of Construction Practice (which is on the PC website). This advises you how best to minimise the impact of your construction vehicles on the village.

We occasionally have issues with fly tipping in the village. Serco are very good at removing the rubbish promptly from public land if notified. We are adding the reporting form to our website.

As we mentioned last month, a Public Space Protection Order, requiring dog waste to be removed or a penalty incurred, covers all public access land in North Norfolk. We debated the benefit of additional signage and will be trialling some temporary signs on affected paths in the hope they will be more effective. We do have 4 parish council dog bins, one private (kindly provided by the Windmill) and one at the beach supplied by NWT, and dog poo can go into ordinary bins, of which we have two.

There is a new WhatsApp group called Cley Chit Chat if anyone wants a light hearted virtual conversation. If anyone would like to join, please contact Humphrey Boon on 07971565883.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday November 21st (please note a week later than usual) in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website ([www.clevparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.clevparishcouncil.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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