

Parish Council Meetings

The parish council continued its regular bimonthly meetings in September and November 2021 and most recently on 20thJanuary 2022 with its new parish clerk, Antonia King, now in post. Minutes of the meetings, and other information relating to the parish, including financial information, can be found at the parish council website. www.dalham.onesuffolk.net

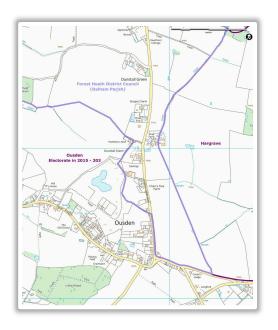
The next meeting of the parish council will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th March 2022 and will be held, as usual, in Dalham Village Hall.

Parish boundary with Ousden

part of a county wide Community Governance Review being carried out by Suffolk, the location of the boundary between Ousden Parish Council and Dalham and Dunstall Green Parish Council is to be reviewed. As residents will be aware, the boundary is presently close to the southern end of Dunstall Green Road, close to Ousden, and the issue relates to whether it would be more appropriate for houses along Dunstall Green Road, currently forming part of the parish of Dalham and Dunstall Green, to become part of Ousden instead. Some 23 houses are affected by this review. The parish council will be seeking the views of those potentially affected prior providing its response.



Parish council meetings are held at Dalham Village Hall every other month.



Dalham and Ousden parish boundary map

Roadside nature reserve warden needed

The current warden for Dalham's Roadside Nature Reserve on the Denham Road has moved out of the county, and we therefore need a new warden to take on his role. This involves keeping an eye on the reserve for any issues that might arise, and raking off the cuttings when the verge is cut by the council in late Autumn. These then need to be either moved offsite completely or piled up on the edge of the reserve in an unobtrusive location.

For those not familiar with Dalham's Roadside Nature Reserve, it is marked by white posts on the north side of the Denham Road at the top of the hill leading to Dunstall Green. It is an important location, being one of the best



sites in the country for the extremely rare Crested Cow-wheat (Melampyrum Cristatum) which has beautiful pyramidical purple flowers in July and August and is said to be the fourth rarest plant in the UK.

Anyone who is interested in taking on the role should contact the Suffolk county council ecologist, Lucy Spencer, at lucy.spencer@suffolk.gov.uk. The previous warden can also be contacted via our parish clerk Antonia King at dalhamparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

Tree warden role



The parish council has also been approached by the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, which was established in 2017, (www.suffolktreewardens.org.uk) to see if there is anyone in the parish wishing to become a Tree Warden. Tree wardens are volunteers willing to help care for and promote trees in their locality, and it is a goal of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network to have a warden In every parish in the county. The Suffolk Tree Warden Network is supported by Suffolk County Council and the Tree Council (www.treecouncil.org.uk) and works in partnership with the Woodland

Trust to supply trees and hedging where appropriate.

Further information regarding the role is available from Frances Jannaway, co-ordinator of the Suffolk Tree Wardens Network by email coordinator@suffolktreewardens.org.uk or by telephoning 01379 672987 for those who might be interested.

Village letter box thefts

On a less happy note, there have been a series of thefts of letter boxes in villages across East Anglia, with the focus appearing to be on older vintage red postboxes. Several have been in locations near Dalham (most recently Cropley Grove, just to the south) and residents are asked to remain alert for any sign of individuals interfering with postboxes in the area. Anyone who sees anything suspicious should report the details to Suffolk Police, either via their website or by calling 101.



Emergency Plan



Finally, I am pleased to say that the parish has now agreed its Emergency Plan for such eventualities as floods, communications difficulties or similar potential problems. A summary of key aspects of what to do in such emergencies and relevant contact points will be circulated shortly as a separate card for residents to keep and use if necessary.

Dalham Parish Council Website http://dalham.onesuffolk.net