

Hello Docking Residents,

Last night, we held our September Parish Council meeting, and we wanted to share some key updates with you:

Docking Parish Council is excited to join other Norfolk Villages in participating in the annual **Toad Watch**; a community initiative to protect toads during their annual migration across busy roads.

As warmer weather causes toads to migrate earlier in the year, many are crossing busy roads, including Bradmere Lane, Pound Lane, and Little Lane. To protect these toads, we will be organising a community effort to guide them to safety. If you'd like to volunteer and help with this important project, please get in touch!

We are planning a public meeting in November to provide more information, answer questions, gather ideas and make a plan! As soon as we have the dates and times, we will publish these widely.

Dog Waste Bins

We know dog waste is a concern, especially in areas like Pound Lane. We are currently investigating providing additional dog waste bins or more frequent services. In the meantime, please remember that double-bagged waste can be safely disposed of in black household bins.

Biodiversity Update

We've received glowing reports about the biodiversity in our village, especially in the ORG, our ponds and surrounding green spaces. To ensure we continue to protect and promote this valuable environment, we are planning a full **Biodiversity Audit**. We'll need volunteers to assist with this important project, so if you're passionate about preserving our natural spaces, we'd love to have you join us!

A quick reminder that for certain issues like overhanging hedges, damaged roads, pavements, or fences and railings, missing Cat eyes - anything affecting public spaces, it's **most effective** to report them directly to Norfolk County Council. This way, the right teams can respond more quickly. You can report highways concerns on the Norfolk County Council Website under 'Highways' or call: Main number - 0344 800 8020

For **non-emergency crimes**, it's best to contact the police on **101** (or **999** if it's an emergency), and any **Freebridge Housing** issues should go directly to them. By reporting directly, you're helping ensure the problem is explained clearly and can be sorted as quickly as possible!

Full draft minutes of the September meeting will be available soon on our website. In the meantime, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to get involved with our community projects.

Best wishes,

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Clerk to Docking Parish Council