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### **CASE STUDY – SECURING A COMMUNITY ASSET**

**A case study on securing an asset of community value – a guide to how it was done at Watlington Parish Council.**

Pubs and villages are particularly important services for our rural villages, often being the only venue where local people can meet and socialise. Their demise impacts on the social well-being of the area. Promotion and protection of social well-being is a fundamental element of Parish Council activity. The attached downloadable case study highlights how Watlington Parish Council took action to protect their local pub.

The Localism Act 2010 enables local councils to apply to have places of community value placed on a register held by the area planning authority. This special status provides recognition of the importance of the asset in promotion of social well-being and an opportunity for a community group to mobilise into action to purchase the asset should it come to market.

To download a copy of the guide click [here](#)

### **2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR-END**

A reminder that PKF Littlejohn guidance for the 2018/19 financial year-end is now available as a training presentation on their [website](#) (and via [YouTube](#) ).

### **POINTLESS STREET SIGNS TO BE REMOVED**

The Department for Transport has published guidelines for councils saying that pointless road signs should be removed amid warnings that they waste taxpayers' money, clutter streets and confuse motorists. Principal councils are told to audit signs in their area and remove those that are "obsolete or unnecessary". They should also adopt a "less is more" approach to the use of future traffic signs, the document says.

Councils might consider doing their own audit to help feed this information back to their District or Borough Council. This also helps Councils consider what is no longer required and is a great way for councils to be proactive in their community.

Any new signage needs could be added to the Council's Action Plan for budgeting etc.

## **MORE TRAINING COURSES ADDED TO THE CALENDAR**

### Role of the Clerk

Tuesday 21 & 28 May 2019

5 CPD Points

Two day intensive course

£110 + VAT

9.30am – 3.30pm

Carrowbreck House, Hellesdon

This new and improved detailed course covers your role, the role of the Council and the Councillors as well as powers and duties, standing orders, meetings, finance, information management, planning, elections, casual vacancies and co-option and much more.

### Being an Effective Councillor

Thursday 27 June 2019

2.5 CPD Points

One day intensive course

£60 + VAT

9.30am – 3.30pm

Carrowbreck House, Hellesdon

Covers roles and responsibilities, getting things done for your community, procedures and law, working with your Clerk, planning, budgeting and finance.

**To book a training course click [here](#)**

## **LOCUM CLERK REQUIRED**

Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council is looking for a locum clerk for around three months while they recruit a permanent Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Please contact Martin Elliot, Chairman, for more information by email [pmelliott@btinternet.com](mailto:pmelliott@btinternet.com) or mobile 07517 987 465

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