

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

The month has been not as busy as June as year end has all been submitted to the External Auditor and all in order so I can concentrate on normal duties that clerks undertake.

One piece of good news is we have had contact with the landowners of the playing field and discussions are ongoing and once we have more information, I will forward to you all.

I recently attended a Bio-diversity seminar to help with all my councils undertaking to help the environment and as such the council have agreed with my bio-diversity policy and we are working on this with many actions and ideas put forward so watch this space.

We still have a space for a new councillor and if you are interested in joining are very forward thinking and go-ahead team, please email me asap to get on board. You can do as much or as little as your time allows to join us.

We now have all the passwords and details to get the council onto the Gov.uk email scheme and this we hope to have completed asap and by the end of July at the latest.

We have recently had our annual play ground inspection and as with all older play areas there is work to be done to bring it back up to date and Nick our handyman will look at this and advise the council the best way to move forward.

The upgrade of the pavilion will be started soon and will really enhance the look of the pavilion and we will also be creating a pallet area for sand bags for parishioners to take should any flooding issues occur. On that point I will be meeting the Flood Officer on Weds 3rd July to discuss the issues in the village and how we can move forward.

One of the other big jobs I have to undertake is the upgrade of all our main policies and this has been undertaken and this year we thank NPTS (our training provider) for their help with the new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as we are now not allowed to use NALC ones as we do not subscribe to them.

I would like to point out that all correspondence needs to come direct to me as by sending it to councillor's only takes up their valuable time (they are all volunteer's) and also delays any urgent emails I need to send to the relevant agencies urgently to get the works undertaken as soon as possible. This was highlighted by the reports sent to councillors on the Annual Meeting of the Parish late and myself getting the minutes wrong by me not understanding which reports go with which group. So please come direct to me at the clerk's email address.

Finally, it's great to see the café so busy and everyone enjoying themselves at café and it really is a pleasure to go there for the morning and chat with parishioners on any issues they may have.

Handyman's Report

Our handyman Nick is now back to full health and working hard around the village on such things as strimming round the village ares and benches, cleaning areas and washing the village gates too. Nick is a valuable asset to the parish council and the village and we welcome him back.

