

Tivetshall Parish Council

## Clerks Report

This has been a busy month with many planning applications and the work now starting on the budget, which we hope to conclude in time to send our precept request to SNDC at the end of January and that we get a balanced and correct budget to allow the council to run in a good way at all times and meet their responsibilities around the many items we have to meet around salaries, Grass cutting, maintenance to name a few items. This is being made even more difficult as SNDC push more tasks onto clerks and councils moving forward.

If anyone wants to see the budget workings, they are welcome to come and see me at the TTJ I attend and I will take them through how we work and what the calculations look like to get to the budget figure moving forward.

Our new Gov.uk email boxes are in place and we just await the final councillor to be online and the old email address will no longer be used as we slowly migrate all email addresses over to the new system, so from now all emails need to come direct to the clerk on [clerk@tivetshall-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tivetshall-pc.gov.uk) so I can deal with any queries in the first instance and not after multiple emails going round the houses of councillors taking vital lost time to reach me the clerk.

Personally, I have now reached the pension age so will only be working Monday to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm and obviously on the evenings of meetings which are also taken out of my 8.5 hours weekly working hours. So, if I do not reply due to reaching my hourly week, I am sorry and ask that all parishioner's understand this that I am not full time and only part time.

Our wonderful Vice-Chairman Alyson read is working on a newsletter that will be hitting your doorsteps soon and it includes lots of information around the parish council and the village hall events that we ask you all attend as the volunteers of the village hall put many hours of work into these events and really need your attendance and if possible, more volunteers to help them.

The council still have a space for a new councillor and if anyone would like to take up the role, please get in touch asap direct to myself on the clerk's email address. It is not an erroneous role and you can undertake as much work as you want to or even as little as you want too. But I would say it is very rewarding most days.

I am very lucky as Parish Clerk to have a great team of councillors and an excellent chair who really do make the job a delight.

Finally, due to the extra work falling on my desk I will only be attending TTJ once a month and look forward to seeing everyone at these wonderful events

## **Handyman's Report**

Our handyman Nick has recently undertaken the repair of the Zip line platform to make that safer and as you can see the renovation of the pavilion is coming along nicely and should soon really look nice and again be an asset to the village with extra seating on those wet days for all to enjoy. Nick has donated a new gate to be erected on the playing field and we are looking to access free grants to put a hedge up along the fence to stop and unwanted friends accessing the site as they have done at other village halls.

