

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

So, as we enter the second part of the year and the weather starts to turn its not getting busy again for clerks with such items such as Budgets, precepts to be set and of course clerk and handyman appraisals to undertake for the chair and myself.

Our new Gov.uk email boxes are in place and we just await the final 2 councillors 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 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.

I am working on the budget when hours allow and hope to have this ready for the November meeting to get round all councillors for their comments and thoughts but I would suspect their will be another small increase in the budget mainly due to the huge amount of maintenance we require on our green space and the extra duties the unitary local councils are handing down to Parish councils.

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.

I will be attending the SLCC National conference from 6th October to 10th October so hence the usual Parish council meeting has been put back a week and due to this the agendas will go up a little earlier than normal, but if you every have anything you want the council to discuss and look into please ensure you email me this request 7 days before the next meeting and please note we do not meet in December and August.

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.