

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

Yet again another busy month with the upcoming Solar Farms consultations around the huge planned Solar farms surrounding our area and we as a Parish council are working with Hempnall Parish Council on this to put our points across. Most of our councillors have sent their thoughts for me to submit on the council's behalf and I will be doing this on Friday 6th December. This really is a worry for us all.

The Parish council budget is slowly coming together and will be discussed and decided at the January meeting as normal as we have to submit our precept request to SNDC by the end of January as required by SNDC. The budget has implications from the amount of work SNDC and NNDC are pushing down onto me on how I do my job and what I give my small number of hours to. I currently only work 8.5 hours a week and some weeks this is very stretched and difficult to get all my work done in that timescale. To show you what I mean the last meeting in November it took me over 5 hours to get all the preparation done (mainly due to East Pye Solar Farm) and the many other items I have to prepare for such as finance, Community Plan, Planning, Bio diversity, Highways and finally salaries and ensuring we are fully legal during the meeting.

Our new Gov.uk email boxes are all now in place and the only email address we use is the clerk@tivetshall-pc.gov.uk so please ensure you email the clerk via this email box as the old ones are now closed and not being used.

This month has been a trying time for me as clerk with my partner Carol again having a relapse on her recent illness and my sister Diane contracting blood cancer and I will be visiting my sister in New Zealand over Feb and March to support her and also attend my nieces wedding so a big trip planned as I will not be available from Feb 10th to March 10th 2025, so please email me and any issues will be dealt with on my return.

I have recently undertaken to get us free trees via the Woodland trust to form a barrier between the fence and the playing field and these will arrive in March 2025 and we will require a working party to get them planted asap. This is also a recommendation from the Police to stop unwanted incursions from people using the playing field as an encampment that a few local parishes have encountered at some cost to them for the clean up after the encampment has gone.

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.

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 almost completed the upgrade of the pavilion on the [playing field and is undertaking the works needed on the play area at present to ensure it meets the requirements for our insurers who are very strict on any items around play areas and football pitches. The old fence that cuts the car park from the playing field needs some renovation and Nick has kindly donated a new gate that we will get put up with the help of some strong volunteers asap.

