

# **PARISH CLERKS REPORT**

**November 2019**

1. Unity Bank online banking is now fully accessible by the Clerk. All payments still require authorisation by 2 Councillors but to ensure payments can be made promptly a third signatory is to be added to the list of authorised Councillors. This will provide better scope of availability to have payments authorised.
2. The advert for Village Caretaker is live and applications have been received. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> November and applicants will be reviewed and shortlisted for interviews after this date.
3. Following agreement made at the October meeting the contact details for the Councillors will be displayed on the notice board and also on the website within the next few days.
4. Following the written correspondence from a resident in regards to the Konect bus and stopping at the top of Tuns Road I have contacted the company in this regard. Their Network Manager, Steve Royal would be happy to meet with ourselves to discuss the current position and consider options going forward. I will therefore arrange a meeting with him, the Chair and the resident to consider options for this bus service and where it could stop.
5. The bank accounts and funds held have been reconciled for the half year period April to October. The funds currently held amount to a total of £97,560.44. I have made provision for the remaining budgeted expenditure including all admin and employment costs which will now include a salary for the new caretaker position for the second half of the year and also for the street lighting upgrade and any repairs.

Provision has also been made for the Marl Pit purchase and associated costs. Funds have also been set aside to support MUGA costs and a new Trod which is to be discussed at this meeting as an agenda item.

After provision has been made for these items the estimated funds held in the current account will be circa £17,000 along with a nominal sum held as a contingency. This is an agenda item and will be discussed by Council later

6. VE day next year is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May which is a Bank Holiday. Breckland Council has created a £30,000 events funds to commemorate the end of WW11. Local groups will be able to apply for up to £500 to help with a community event which will commemorate the end of the war and remember those who fought and died. Is this something we want to investigate further and add as an agenda item for the next meeting?
7. The Clerk has received a letter from 1<sup>st</sup> Necton Brownies requesting a donation towards their proposed trip next year to Seaside Sparkle in Great Yarmouth. The total cost is £400 for the transport and they are trying to raise funds to pay for this. I will read the letter in full and ask if this can be added to next months meeting agenda for consideration.
8. I have also received a written request from All Saints Necton for a Grant of £400 to support the cost of the upkeep of the churchyard and burial grounds. Again, can I ask if this can also be added to the agenda for next months meeting to consider the request.