

# **PARISH CLERKS REPORT**

**March 2020**

1. The Council has received a Thank you from a resident for getting the new bus stop at the top of Tun's Road and we have received a letter from another resident to enquire as to whether a bus stop could be installed at the other end of Necton by Kingfisher Drive. I have liaised with Steve Royal at Konect buses and this is being investigated and updates will be provided in due course.
2. The new noticeboards have been delivered and a date of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March has been agreed for these to be installed outside the shop.
3. Fenland Leisure have commenced works on the MUGA today and the first phase will be completed shortly.
4. We have also taken delivery of the new projector and hopefully from next month the Parish Council Meetings will see a reduction in the usage of paper as the agenda and other papers can be viewed via the projector.
5. The first SAM 11 data for this year has been circulated to you and I will continue to provide updates each month with the data collected from each point it is placed at. The speed limit is generally being respected but the most interesting fact is that the level of traffic entering from the A47 has almost trebled in the last 3 years noting 99,600 vehicles were counted entering Necton in a one-month period.
6. The Trod extension on Hale Road between Ramms Lane and Black Drift has commenced today and works will take approximately 3 weeks. The road will need to be closed to allow these works to take place and diversions will be in place. On the subject of Trods I have received correspondence from a resident who is concerned the Trod on North Pickenham Road is being eroded away by traffic. The resident has spoken to Norfolk County Council regarding this and they confirmed the defect does not meet their intervention criteria and so no action will be taken at the present time. The resident asked me to let the Council know as he is concerned at the damage being caused.
7. NALC have introduced a mentor programme for new Clerks and I have been allocated Gina Lopes, Clerk at Attleborough. The aim is to provide a mentor and point of reference for new Clerks to ask questions, check procedures etc and, if all Councillors are in agreement, I would like to accept her invitation to meet with her at her office in Attleborough on one of my working days.
8. I have received a request from resident who would like permission to use his metal detector on the playing field. He has provided me with his certificate confirming he is a member of National Council for Metal Detecting and has full public liability insurance from them too. He has confirmed he will not dig any holes but just check the surface. He was given a metal detector as a Christmas present and he would like to practice on the playing field. I confirmed I would seek the views of the Councillors and revert back to him.
9. Following the purchase of the Marl pit and the subsequent setting up of the Charitable Trust who will be managing it going forward a formal agreement is currently being drawn up. In the meantime access to the site has been allowed to Necton Area Trust in order for them to take photos and such like to assist in their preliminary research. No works or removals will be undertaken at this point.