

Clerks Report October 2020

The Caretaker has amended the hours she works with effect from last week. Liz will still be undertaking 10 hours per week but instead of 2 hours daily she will now undertake 5 hours on a Monday and 5 hours on a Friday. This will assist her with travel costs as she has moved away from Necton but she has confirmed that working the longer hours will enable her to tackle bigger projects as she will have more consecutive hours in which to complete them.

Following the points raised by Councillor Sisto at last month's meeting I can confirm that I have contacted TTSR Ltd, our playing field contractor and confirmed that we would like the grass cut slightly longer. They have confirmed that they will undertake our instructions at the next cut. I also enquired as to whether the edges of the field had been treated with weed killer. They confirmed this has been done and that it takes longer to act as the year goes on. I also had confirmation from the Parish Assistant that permission had been granted to Matthew Parkinson to use the field for football classes on a Thursday evening.

I can confirm that we have received the second and final instalment of Precept monies in the sum of £35,000. As this was not received until the 1st October it does not reflect in the budget update already circulated as this is to the end of September. As you will note from the circulated budget update, we are currently 52% of budget halfway through the year and therefore on course to remain within expected levels of expenditure for the financial year, noting I have also

received the Allotment rents which are yet to be reflected in the figures and have just submitted a VAT return for the sum of £2232.20

We agreed to send the letter of complaint to Breckland Council at the extraordinary meeting held on 24th September and this was duly sent via email the next day. I chased a response last week and this was duly received. This is to be covered off under Councillors reports

I have also emailed the Enforcement Team regarding the complaints pertaining to the site at the old school. I sent details and images of the condition of the site on 8th September and received an acknowledgement at that time. I have asked for an update and they have requested more photographs which are to be sent to them this week.