

Clerks Report September 2022

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Thursday 8th September all protocols regarding the flag being flown at half-mast have been adhered to, thanks to our caretaker and Councillor Bateman for doing this. The website has been updated and a 'pop up' has been inserted and a Book of Condolence has been arranged- thanks to Councillor Catlin for the floral arrangement. Residents can find the times of this on the website and it is in the entrance to the hall, thank you Chair Bass for helping will opening the hall at the designated times. As we now know the state funeral will take place on Monday 19th September and it has been decreed public holiday and therefore no council business will take place on this day.

I have had no response from Breckland Council to my email requesting permission for the planters and flowerbeds as part of Necton in Bloom and so I have sent another email asking for an update. I have asked for a progress update and if they cannot provide that then at least an idea of timescales- I am yet to receive a response to that email either so I will make further enquiries and see if I can get this progressed.

As part of the Necton in Bloom plan planters are to be positioned outside of the shops. I therefore contacted the landlord and gained their permission noting they confirmed they have no objections as long as the shopkeepers are happy. Therefore, I am in the process of obtaining their agreement in writing. I can also confirm the landlord of the shops A. C Williamson have very kindly given the PC a £50 donation towards the project. This is shown as a credit in the accounts and I have increased the budget for Necton in Bloom by the same amount so they get the funds allocated directly to them.

I have reported various areas around Necton that have weeds growing to high levels and NCC are taking these forward.

I can confirm the lease agreement for the piece of land at the Marlpit has now been finalised and the annual payment has been collected by our solicitors. This has now been credited to our bank account and I have made a diary note for collection of the annual premium in 12 months' time. I have filed a copy of the lease agreement and Ward Gethin Archer will store a copy in their deeds storage as well.

I have had correspondence from Highways regarding the junction improvements at Tuns Road and the A47 and it would appear that they have been discussing the transfer of ownership and adoption of the required piece of land with NCC. Alice at Highways, our new point of contact and project manager has confirmed NCC have agreed to this and so the next steps are her discussions with NCC that are taking place on how they wish to take this forward. She has confirmed she will be in touch with further updates.