Clerks Report January 2023

The precept request for the agreed £79,000 has been submitted to Breckland. I won't hear anything from them until nearer the time of when the first instalment is made by them.

I have registered Necton Parish Council as a Mindful Village on the Breckland website. It produces a document and a message confirming they will overview our application and respond to us.

I have ordered the dog fouling signs for the allotment area. Councillor Jennings suggested these larger signs be installed and he offered to undertake this project.

I have been informed that a post at the allotments appears to have been hit by a car and needs re-positioning, I have, therefore asked the caretaker to take a look at this.

I contacted Fenland Leisure to visit the play area to give us feedback and quotes on the work maintenance highlighted in the annual inspection. Baz was due to visit just before Christmas but emailed to state he was unwell. I have just today received his report on the works required. Once I have read through I will add as an agenda item for next month's meeting so you can consider next steps.

The fruit trees for the allotment area have been delivered, thanks to Councillor Catlin for taking delivery and to all the Councillors who are helping to plant them. Councillor Catlin has also purchased mesh fencing to protect the trees from wildlife.

Finally, I contacted Alice at National Highways to obtain an update on the junction improvement with the A47. She informed they are hoping to start works there late February, but are trying to resolve some land issues and some issues with a BT cable running under Tuns Road junction which is causing delays to the pavement design. She confirmed she is attending an internal meeting tomorrow, the 10th January where they will discuss how to proceed and will be touch once she has some outcomes from this meeting.