

Clerks Report May 2023

Confirmation has been received from Norfolk County Council that a litter bin can be sited next to the dog bin on Hale road near Kingfisher Drive. Thereafter Breckland confirmed once purchased by ourselves we need to let them know and they will add to their emptying schedule. As the bin has already been agreed in principle and we have budget set aside for this I will circulate some suggestions of style for you to consider ahead of the next meeting, at which a final decision can be made.

The street lighting switch off has now been confirmed to both UKPN and our energy supplier. I requested a new certificate from UKPN and this was duly submitted by myself to SSE. They have confirmed they have amended our non-metered tariff accordingly and further confirmed we should see a reduction in our bills of approximately 43%

Whilst the timers were being fitted it was noted by the engineers that a streetlight in St Andrews Way was not working and further tests confirmed this was due to no power being received to the column. I have registered this fault with UKPN and an incident number has been provided and this should be resolved imminently

The potholes in Mill Street that were noted by Councillor Turner was reported by myself to NCC. They have confirmed they will resolve these issues. They have also confirmed that they will again try to resolve the ongoing issues with the block ditch at the bend on Mill Street too. I have today been notified that remedial works along the trod at Hale Road have also been resolved.

I received an anonymous letter from a resident who wanted to bring to our attention another resident fence they believed to be over the standard height. This fence would appear to be in Ketts Hill. Unfortunately, there was no name or contact details for me to respond. With this in mind I will use my report to confirm this is not a Parish Council matter and any potential breaches in planning should be directed to Breckland Council.

I was informed that the street sign in St Andrews Way was removed and left in the hedge when recent works were carried out there. I have reported this to NCC and provided them with photographs to show them what has happened.

Ahead of the opening of the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood I have emailed, as requested Revd Thorp to ask if he would consider attending and giving a blessing to the area. When I receive a response I will forward to Council.

I have spoken with Baz from Fenland Leisure in order to re- arrange the meeting he had to cancel and we have agreed to meet on Wednesday 31st May @ 10.00am. Please can you attend if you are available as this will be to discuss the roundabout.

Finally, Councillor Annie Turner has today resigned from Necton Parish Council. She has confirmed it is with a heavy heart that she has made this decision but she has family commitments that need more of her time. I will now inform Breckland and look to commence the casual vacancy process.