

Clerks Report February 2024

Following on from the January I can confirm I have reported the road markings on the Mill Street and Tuns Road Junction are still outstanding, the drainage at the trod on Hale Road needs investigating and the excessive mud and debris on the Ivy Todd needs to be cleared. I have also reported that the newly installed dropped curbs are poor quality and need to be inspected and further work is required to bring them up to standard and I have also emailed Breckland Council in regards to the new road name signs at Tower Mill development seem to be in the incorrect places and are confusing.

I have also been informed that the additional rail at the footbridge at Chantry Court has been installed and the work there has been completed.

I have confirmed to Highways that the Parish Council has decided they do not need to replace the paving slabs they removed as part of the junction improvement at Tuns Road.

The new caretaker, Colin has started with us and has already completed his play area inspection with David Bracey. He has informed me that the bin on the bus stop at the A47 is damaged and the lid no longer fits. He will attempt to re-shape it but, we may need to purchase a replacement as some point.

The examination of the Neighbourhood Plan has now commenced and at some point the Examiner will send through a Clarification Note that asks some questions about the policies. He will also ask if we have any comments on the comments received during Breckland's consultation on the Plan. We will have 2-3 weeks to respond and our consultant has confirmed he will start to gather information from the comments received as part of the consultation period and draft a response in anticipation of this so we can approve his response in good time. I have also updated our website's dedicated page confirming the current stage we are at with the Plan.

Following the resignation of Sue Catlin from the Parish Council I updated Breckland Council. Thereafter I published the statutory notice on the website and notice boards and I can confirm that the statutory period whereby an election can be called if requested by 10 or more residents has passed. We can therefore look to fill the vacancy via the co-option process. This has been advertised and I plan to add this to the agenda for next month's meeting.