

Clerks Report April 2024

Our caretaker, Colin Brady received a note of thanks from the Housing team at Breckland Council a couple of weeks ago. He helped a vulnerable women and went above and beyond. Breckland wanted to pass on their praise for his involvement and to say he was a credit to the Parish Council. I have passed on the email received to Colin so he has seen what they said in full.

I emailed Alice, our contact at Highways to confirm that there were still a few shrubs/ hedging to be planted out at the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood. These were provided by Highways to replace the hedge that had to be removed at the A47 junction as part of the road improvements. Highways were keen to be involved in the planting, but, as we hadn't heard from them members of NAT had to plant the majority before they died. I asked Alice if they wanted to participate in the planting of the last few remaining but did not get a response from her.

Following on from the request from Councillor Curtis I reported that, despite previously reporting the pot holes in Ramms Lane were still there and were getting worse. The next day Councillor Curtis confirmed white markers have been sprayed around the potholes which indicates they are to be filled. The faded and missing white lines on Hale Road that I reported back in January are still showing as being investigated so this is still an open request with NCC which they need to take forward.

I submitted a request to move the street name plate on Chantry Court to Breckland via their website. They have a dedicated page for this and you just complete this and detail your request. I submitted this along with pictures on 12th March. I hadn't had a response and so contacted Breckland to chase this on 3rd April. And they have confirmed they will move this free of charge. They have said this could take a few weeks for them to complete as they have to do a site survey and check underground services and get the new name plate made up. They also have to inform NCC highways of the move and allow them to make any comments.

The litter bin at the bus stop on the A47, Norwich bound was damaged and despite his best efforts the caretaker could not fix this. I therefore ordered a replacement bin which is slightly bigger and with a better fitting lid and this has been installed by Colin.

I contacted our solicitor following agreement at the last meeting and instructed them to proceed with lease requirements. All information has been provided and confirmed that NRCC also discussed this at their last meeting and are in full agreement. I have been sent confirmation that the Sports and Social Club have confirmed they wish proceed as the leases involve all three parties. I await her response and will provide ongoing updates as this progresses.

As we know the new fencing is now installed and there has been a really positive response to this from residents. Comments have been numerous on the Necton Facebook page and to the PC staff as well. The self-closing gate at the end needed adjustment and I have been informed by the installation team that as its used more and more a further adjustment will be required. They confirmed that this is quite normal for these types of gates and in a few weeks, once its been in extensive use I will ask them to adjust again if its required.

Following reports of sandbags in the ditch at Chantry Court I have emailed Flagship Housing to ask them to remove. As this is on their land it is their responsibility to do this. I will update Council with any updates I receive

The de-fib has now been returned and is back in place. Following email correspondence received it would appear that its not registered on a site called 'The Circuit' which is the national defibrillator network. I will be completing the registration for it this week and thereafter we will receive regular updates and also be notified when it has been accessed and used. I will be adding an agenda item to the June meeting whereby we can discuss a possible second de- fib in the village.