

Clerks Report May 2024

There was damage and flooding on the path at the junction of Tuns road and the A47 reported to the Clerk and this has been forwarded to NCC. They have confirmed they will undertake the required work to rectify this. They have also confirmed that the mud and spillage on Ivy Todd has been investigated and are going to arrange a permanent repair here. I have also been asked to report the dropped kerbs at the Wyndfields and North Pickenham road junction again. It appears some remedial work was undertaken here but this has not improved the condition of this dropped curb.

I have also been notified that some hedge trimming has been undertaken at the property near Larwood Close and further cutting back will take place to make the path accessible.

The Clerks mobile phone has successfully been transferred to Vodafone. The new tariff is now £16.00 per month, however the bill is slightly higher this month due to us starting the contract mid-month and therefore the bill is for a longer period than usual.

I have finally heard back from our solicitors regarding the various leases and they have now stated they would not be happy to represent all parties in house despite saying they would on previous occasions. They have suggested some other solicitors to approach and I am in the process of doing this. They have also confirmed that as NSSC are only signing their lease and not drawing it up they don't necessarily need to instruct a solicitor if they choose not to, obviously this is for them to decide. I will provide updates as this proceeds.

Colin has taken delivery of the new dual purpose bins that were agreed at a previous meeting. It has been noted that the bin outside the shop gets full very quickly. I have reported this to Breckland and am awaiting a response from them. This is emptied by them as part of their schedule and although it hasn't been confirmed I am not confident they will make an additional trip to Necton just to empty this one more often. The bin here is a large bin but not as large as the new ones purchased so, this bin is being moved to the Chantry Court site near the bench and the new larger bin will be put by the shops. This will provide large bins at both locations but the larger of the two being utilised where it is needed most.

Sue James has purchased all of the bedding plants for the containers around the hall and shop area and her and the caretaker have now planted these. Colin will be watering these whilst he is undertaking his other duties. Andrew at the butchers has kindly offered to maintain the one outside his shop.

Following the installation of the new fencing and gate it appears the old signs stating CCTV in operation and no dogs allowed signs were not erected and have been disposed of. There have been a number of sightings of people walking their dogs on the field. When it was pointed out that to them this is not allowed I was informed they have responded in a rude manner. New signs have been ordered and will be put up in the next day or so.

Following investigations regarding the de-fib on the outside of the Community Centre it appears that this is already registered on 'The Circuit' website. Ian Stocker, a resident who is part of the co-responsive team and joining the ambulance service this week on a full time basis maintains the unit. He is registered on the website and he receives updates as to when it is being used. He has looked after this de-fib for a number of years and he also ensures the battery is working and the pads are checked and replaced when required. He is happy to continue to do this as he is fully trained in the maintenance of this and as a First Responder. He is also happy to look after any possible new de-fibs we may install and this will be on the agenda for discussion at the next PC meeting.