

## **Clerks Report June 2024**

Colin has now installed the new bins, one in School Road and the other in Chantry Court. He has removed the old bins and redundant posts. He is going to fix the bench to the hardstanding once the street sign name has been installed. I have emailed Breckland regarding the new street nameplate and asked them for an approximate date they will install this. They have confirmed it has been added to this month's batch and so should be installed by mid-July.

I have purchased new No Dogs Allowed signs as well as new CCTV in Operation signs for the play area and Colin has put these in place. I have also contacted the fencing company to visit and adjust the self-closing gate. As previously mentioned to Council they did confirm it would need adjusting once it was starting to be used and further confirmed they would undertake this for us.

Our consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan has chased Breckland about taking the Plan to a Referendum. He has received a response from them stating that due to the upcoming election they are unable to programme this in until after the election has taken place and will confirm a date for after 4<sup>th</sup> July. Ian has conveyed his disappointment at this news and urged them to reconsider this. I will update you accordingly with any further developments.

I reported the trees at Eastgate Park to NCC as requested and also contacted the landlord in regards to the damaged bridge at the allotments/ dog walking area. He has confirmed that this has now been repaired.

As agreed by Council at the last meeting I contacted the Environment Agency and George Freeman about the pollution in the streams. George Freeman has confirmed that as parliament has been dissolved ahead of the election he, like all other MP's cannot act on our behalf until as we are now in the period formerly known as purdah. The Environment Agency have been in contact with me and confirmed they have spoken to RWE and shared the information we provided to them. RWE have informed the EA they are going to undertake an investigation and report back to them. The EA have confirmed they will keep me updated on the findings.

I have spoken to our solicitors regarding the lease between the PC and NRCC and have also instructed another firm to undertake the work required to review these lease on behalf of NRCC and to draft the new lease required between NRCC and the Sports and Social Club. Therefore, this is now moving ahead and hopefully we can get this all completed soon.

Finally, I can confirm that all paperwork and the Annual Accounting Information has been sent to the external auditors.