

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

It seems ages since I last wrote my report due to the council not meeting in August so apologies if this is a little long but I will try and get everything in as I can.

I have been attending the tea Junction and am so happy that parishioners come and chat with me on issues around the parish and it really helps so please can you all continue to do this as it is giving me invaluable information in the parish that being new and not living in the area really helps.

At the last meeting the council welcomed two new councillors in Sandra l'Anson and David Parsons and after their co-option they joined the meeting and will be attending training soon to allow them to understand the role better but I am always here to help.

At the last meeting the Chairman presented Rita Land with a gift from the council for her sterling contribution to the village over many years and this was gratefully received by Rita on the evening and really showed the community that we have in The Tivetshalls.

Lots of things have been going on and we also welcome Karen Collier-Smith to the role of footpath warden and again I will be working closely with Karen to report any issues we find in the parish and in the coming weeks I intend to write to all the land owners regarding their duties to keep footpaths open and in good order.

We also lost our handyman due to a nasty ankle injury and I myself have carried out the play area inspection's along with the defibrillator inspections that are my duty. We are hopeful Gareth will be back from injury soon and undertaking the wonderful work he does around the parish.

We recently got our Play Inspection annual report through and there were a few issues we need to deal with and Gareth will look at these on his return.

The parish has a few events coming up and I hope I have these right

Litter Pick on Sunday 5th September and meet at the Village Hall at around 10am with all equipment provided

Craft and family day 18th September on the village green with many great events including games, craft fair and food fair from 10 am to 3pm

The Neighbourhood plan is in the pre-submission stage and 2 consultation days are planned for Wednesday 15th September from 10 am to 1pm and Thursday 16th September from 2pm to 8 pm for you all to see the plan before it is submitted.

Norfolk ALC are planning to present all Parish Councils with a gift to thank them for their work during the pandemic and I have registered us to receive ours which will happen at a parish Council meeting yet to be decided by Norfolk ALC but I am sure they will in time.

I have added details of the flooding line and also details of the number to report rural crime onto the website as I understand that these issues are very prevalent in rural communities.

The parish council are looking to work with our County Councillor Barry Duffin to access a grant to make the pond area a lovely spot to sit and safer for all to enjoy too. This will include a new decking. Nicer seating and a good clear up of the area and we have now got the quote from a local company to undertake the work should we be successful with the grant application so watch this space

Finally, the council have sent their comments into the South Norfolk Clusters as requested and this includes and parishioner's comments for the attention of South Norfolk District Council. I need to thank everyone that assisted with this especially Alyson Read for her help with our submission.

Gareth's report

Unfortunately, Gareth has been incapacitated with a serious ankle injury so he has no report this month except to say he will be returning to work from the week commencing 30th August to undertake the tasks that his injury will allow until he is back to full fitness.