

Tivetshall Parish Council

## Clerks Report

It has been a good month I feel with me getting more used to the Parish and its needs.

I attended my first meeting which I believe went well and was very positive. I must thank Alyson for her help with the minutes (it was invaluable) of this meeting with me having very limited knowledge of the parish at present.

I received a letter from a parishioner on their worries of the future of our wonderful local school and am happy to report that we received a reply from The Sapienta Trust allaying those fears. The school was marked as a vital resource in our upcoming neighbourhood plan.

I also attended the Tea Junction again to allow me to get to know the parish and also to meet with parishioners regarding any local issues and more importantly the upcoming Village Clusters. I am pleased to report that a few parishioners asked questions on these and we were able to assist them in accessing the information and logging their comments also.

I also had a training morning with Julie King on the finance and it all went well.

Our internet banking is moving forward and we hope that by the end of June early July that we will be fully on line with our banking and using our new Unity Trust account for all payments.

I also met with a local contractor regarding the pond on the green and the fact that this is a very dangerous hazard for children and we hope to be working with our District Councillor Barry Duffin to access some funding asap to make the area the best we can. Unfortunately, Gareth has had to rope the area off till its completed due to the hazards.

I am pleased to announce that The Parish Council have recruited 2 new parish councillors who we are co-opting at our next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall when a presentation to Rita Land will take place at the start of the meeting by our Chair Rob Alleguen-Page for Rita's outstanding work as a Parish Councillor and Chairman.

To help with the neighbourhood plan we also enrolled in the ordnance survey to get a PGSA license to help Rachel Leggett to access vital information that she requires to carry on her work on the plan.

The Parish gateways have been ordered but the supply is running late and they will inform us when Highways receive them and plan the installation into their schedules.

A letter regarding the emergency plan will soon be distributed to all parishioners and we again thank our Chair for his work on this.

I am looking at the footpath maintenance and will be meeting a local parishioner to pick their brains on all the local footpaths to give me a better working knowledge.

There is one planning application on this month's agenda that the council will discuss and that is 2021/1315 Former Poultry Buildings at Elm Tree Farm School Road Tivetshall St.

I will also be undertaking some Wix website training to take some of the pressure off our chair on this.

Finally, I have to report that our wonderful handyman Gareth has suffered an injured ankle making him out of action for around 4 weeks but I will keep in touch with Gareth and undertake his Play ground inspections and Defibrillator inspections myself.

### Gareth's report

This May was just my normal inspections of the play equipment, I also replaced the bird spikes on the swings, and organised and started the repairs to the barked area. I am planning to finish the barked area this week and I will then turn my attention to the list I compiled starting with the benches/ picnic tables and replacing the life ring post at the pond.