

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

The Financial year has ended for the Parish Council and I am pleased to report we finished with a balance of £13971.30 which is very healthy and I must thank all the volunteer parish councillors and the amazing chair Rob for their diligence in ensuring we spend the government money wisely and within the transparency code regulations which is checked by our internal auditor in the coming weeks.

I know the village has suffered many issues with flooding and I continue to work with the local authorities on this and have been in dialogue with the new Flooding officer to see what more we can do. I note a new sewer is being installed in the street soon which we hope will assist the area and the issues it has faced.

I am also aware that we have no bus service and the withdrawal of the Borderhoppa service has caused issues for parishioners in getting to Pulham Surgery and again it is something I am working on but as yet to no avail. It is hoped that we can try and get the car service up and running soon but again volunteers and relied upon to run this and we need a village co-ordinator to run it, so if there are any volunteers free to undertake this, please email me asap on tivetshallpc@outlook.com

I am currently starting the year end procedure and this is an annual important job we clerks have to do each year to ensure we are working in the correct and legal manner and is a lengthy process so I apologise if I seem distant as my mind is working on this important task. There are many parts to this and it is time consuming and I need to ensure we are ready to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability review off by the next meeting to ensure we can submit for Internal Audit by the end of the month and then once that is complete things will get a little easier. It is noted that this year for the first time we are under the £25,000 threshold for both Payments and receipts and at last we meet the criteria for the certificate of exemption keeping our audit costs down which will help.

The Parish council are looking at the possibility of putting a path along the village green area to help with parishioners not having to walk along the road and are currently getting quotes to see the cost of the work and if we can get the necessary grants to ensure the work can be undertaken.

That's all for this month and I hope to see you all at TTJ (except the 17th April) as I am on the SLCC annual meeting on that day which is vital I attend as it gives me valuable networking time with other clerks and the chance to catch up on the latest changes in law which we have to adhere to.

A couple of dates for your calendar are as follows with the Annual Meeting of the Parish taking place on Thursday 10th May from 6.30pm to 7pm then the Annual Parish meeting from 7pm onwards. Invitations will be sent out soon and reports can be submitted for me to read out if you cannot attend.

Handyman's Report

Our handyman Nick will be out of action for a while as he has a procedure and as such will be unable to undertake his wonderful work. But has been a valuable asset since starting work in the village and will be missed while he recuperates.