

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

Again its been a busy month as I needed to get the Budget completed and agreed by the councillors, Internal Auditor appointment sorted, Precept request to be finalised along with a small increase, Staff appraisals to do and of course ensure the Council continues to run and we follow up all queries and other daily tasks to ensure we meet the transparency code at all times meaning that we are now around a month ahead due to my upcoming leave and that I will be away from mid Jan to late Feb to visit my family in New Zealand and all enquiries at that time can go through the chairman and Vice chairman whilst I am away as I cannot be contacted at any time as I will have no access to emails or phone calls whilst I am away.

I need to inform you all that the Parish council looked at their finances and with all the work they completed in 2023 their reserves were dwindling a little due to us not raising the precept band d charge last year due to the cost-of-living crisis. Unfortunately, this has had to be risen by 4% from £94.34 to £98.11 a rise of £3.77 which equates too £3.77 per year or 7p per week. I am happy to show how we worked this out and came to that figure when I am at TTJ from end of Feb 2024.

Our new laptop is now up and running and the council are looking at options to upgrade their email accounts to Gov.uk and have enrolled in the scheme and we hope this will be worked out before I go away, but I would not hold your breath, but it will be great when finalised as all councillors will have Gov.uk parish email addresses which will give us a very professional look.

Another area I am working on is the adoption of a Biodiversity policy and climate emergency plan and we hope to have parts of this done by start of April 2024 as I personally along with the councils feel this is imperative in such a rural community, so please watch this space. This is vitally important due to the issues the parish suffers from with flooding recently and we continue to work with all the agencies to ensure we can get the necessary help and information to parishioners that have suffered and they get the correct support.

I look forward to seeing everyone at TTJ before I leave for my trip and always happy to chat and assist where possible and under the powers we have.

Finally if you have any issues I would ask that you email me on tivetshallpc@outlook.com rather than on the face-book site as I see the emails daily but be aware that I do only work 8.5 hours a week and that any agenda items must be received by myself 7 working days before the meeting date to give me time to get them on the agenda that I post around 7 days before the meeting actually takes place

See you all at TTJ

Handyman's Report

Nick is continuing to work around the village and continues to undertake his role in a diligent and safe manner and once I can get Nick to meet me, we will get his appraisal done and look at the tasks the council feel can again benefit the parish for Nick to work on as well as his usual tasks which Nick continues to carry out.