

Tivetshall Parish Council

Clerks Report

Firstly, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a good Christmas and lets all hope we can get back to some normality soon around this pandemic.

I want to start by thanking everyone for their help in installing the Christmas tree on the village green and must say it looked fantastic all light up. Also, thanks to M P Stephenson for providing such a nice tree.

With the start of the new year its been budget time and the council are aware that last year saw a huge increase in the parish precept due to issues with bad budgeting by previous councils in the past. With that in mind we have looked at the costs that takes for the council to run and keep our wonderful village looking nice.

Our biggest costs are around village maintenance and these are a necessity to keep the village looking lovely.

One of the other big costs is my salary and on this the clerk's role has changed a lot in the last two years and I thank the council for their realisation of this and for allowing me to continue to be your clerk moving forward.

As a result, last years band d cost per household was £92.16 and this year with the rise in the costs we incur we have put in a small rise of £1.75 making our band d cost per household of £93.91 which we feel is acceptable and anyone is welcome to chat with me at the next TTJ and I can show them how we came to this figure. The spreadsheet will also be put on the website for you all to see along with our precept request form that we submit to South Norfolk District Council.

This coming year sees the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and we as a council are actively looking at ideas and schemes to celebrate this with a big project around the Pond area and Village green that we hope to get Heritage Funding for via the lottery. Again, everyone is welcome to chat with me at TTJ on their ideas for the celebrations.

Finally, I must thank Dudley for downloading the latest Speed Data and the findings were very interesting with the most worrying times being around school drop off and pick up times with a speed of 45 mph being recorded on 16/12/21 at 2.45 pm around school road. We urge all parishioners to be very cautious around these times as the children are going to school and coming home. As a result of this and the valuable data the Speed machine provides we have as a council applied to have our own Speed machine in the parish (we currently share with Burston) and we have applied via the Parish Partnership Scheme for this to happen and we hope to hear around end of March if we are successful.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the wonderful TTJ and everyone is welcome to chat with me on any issues and I actually welcome you all doing that.

Handyman's Report

No report from Gareth except he is back working normally

