

CLERKS REPORT 31/07/24

Policies

There are three policies to re-adopt and they are the Subject Access Request Form, Subject Access Policy, Subject Access Procedure.

Audit

There has been no further contact from the external auditor.

Culvert Clearing

There has been no further update regarding the culvert clearing.

Highways Fencing

An email was sent on the 7th July regarding the fencing on the slipway near to the A12. Julia Ewart responded that she thought the fence formed part of a noise break when the road was built. There has been no notification as to whether the Highways team will be replacing this.

Clothing Bank

A resident emailed to comment that the clothing bank sign was incorrect and that the alternative clothing bank was no longer in place due to vandalism.

Car park

Contact has been made with Carl Ruth, he has looked at the car park and is able to complete the necessary maintenance for £400 +VAT.

Income

Please note that the PC has received interest on the instant savings account of £646.25.

Kelsale Village Hall

I have been liaising with Cllr Ransome over some of the expenditure for the Village Hall. A deposit was made for the sanding of the main hall floor. An issue occurred with Wickes regarding the payment and an invoice, having paid a visit to the store, it was still very complicated, Cllr Ransome may have found an alternative contractor to complete the work in the upstairs kitchen.

Emergency Planning

There was a session at East Suffolk Council regarding Emergency Planning, this was very interesting as many other Councils took place and there was a variety of items that people saw as Emergencies. One village was concerned about power outages, one about the railway, one heath fires etc. There is a very useful website called <https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/>. This has a lot of useful information about who to contact regarding various emergencies.

Bonfire Night

A start has been made on organising the needed paperwork and informing the relevant Emergency Services. The Fire Service has responded and noted the date. The Police now has an online report tool for events, this has been completed. A form online has been completed regarding the hiring of St Johns for the First Aid Cover. The TENS licence has been applied for.

Sizewell C Community Fund

I have attended one of the information sessions regarding the community fund. This was attended by a variety of people from a wide area all wanting to apply for funding. The idea of the fund is to help to mitigate the impact of Sizewell C on the community, areas directly affected will be consider

to be high priority, and there will be a need to almost write a business plan on how, if successful, the funding will benefit the community as a whole.

Signage

An email was sent to Wayne Saunders the Highways Engineer regarding the unsuitable for HGVs signage. It seems as if evidence will need to be sourced before we could go ahead with this. The cost of the survey has increased to £435 and any additional ones would be £200 each.

Anglian Water and UK Power Networks

UK Power Networks have been very helpful and have visited the recreation ground to give a quote on how much it would be to connect the site to electricity. Anglian Water would require a payment of £166.80 to give the PC a quote, this would then be valid for 12 months to enable the funding to be sourced.

D-Day Funding

District Councillor Julia Ewart has been able to source the promised funding for the D-Day event, unfortunately the paperwork was misplaced.

Thank you

A thank you has been received from a resident for the cutting of the hedge that runs alongside the Main Road and recreation ground.

Annual Leave

Please note that I will be on leave on Friday 9th August.