

CLERKS REPORT 26/03/25

Policies

There are two policies to approve, these are the Internal Control Statement and the New Model Financial Regulations.

Car park

The repairs on the car park have been completed. Carl did contact me about an address for the invoice, and this has now been received.

VAT

In January a VAT refund was received, this was up to the end of December and the total received was £2272.81.

Website

An email has been sent to the Village Hall Committee and the Social Club regarding some up-to-date information for the website. Some new photographs have been placed on the website of the village hall. I have spoken to Keith Dickerson about a report for KADWAG.

Recreation Ground Utilities

Following on from the successful funding application from the Sizewell C Community Fund, there is progress with the works to be undertaken on the recreation ground. John West has been paid a deposit which covers the required materials for the work to dig the trench etc. A phone call and email has been received from UK Power Networks who are in the process of applying for the road closure for the site. Having spoken with them, I queried that if the work was completed at the same time as the water installation would we receive a refund on the road closure costs, this was confirmed. John West has completed the work and UK Power Networks hope to make a start April/May.

I have asked for the MPAN number from the UK Power Networks as this will enable the search for a utility provider. There is a company that is linked to SALC that may be able to assist with getting the PC a good deal.

Dog Waste Bins

Both new dog waste bins have been ordered. There was an additional cost to the Glasdon bin for the brackets to fix it to the post.

Phone Call

I received a phone call from a lady who lives beside the A12 concerning an entrance to her and her neighbour's property, which looks like a layby, and is therefore used by people to park, sometimes overnight. I suggested that she places this in an email, and I would circulate this to both the Council and to Richard and Julia to see if they may assist. There has been a second email from the lady, and I read out part of the email received from the SCC Highways department. The lady was going to contact SCC again about some signage, and she may contact the PC again should communication need to take place between the PC and SCC.

Ordnance Survey Data Hub

A request was made by the Biodiversity Group for the PC to join the Ordnance Survey Data Hub. This has been completed at no additional cost to the PC.

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning continues to be well supported. There was a visit from Community Action Suffolk who were undertaking a survey on behalf of ESC. There were a couple of questions asked,

what is the best thing about living in a rural area, and what were the worst things about living in a rural area. A small group of us sat together and the responses were recorded.

Advertising Revenue

A payment has been received from Spring Agency for a whole page advert in the Community News. There are a couple of outstanding payments, one is for FTL Electrical and the other is Boundary Farm Glamping.

Annual Parish Meeting

Invitations for reports have been sent through to various concerns. Currently Richard Smith and the Church has acknowledged the email, with one report from the Church being received.

CIL

Having completed the CIL statement for this financial year, the expenditure was £26,879.52. The remaining CIL is £40,707.87. This will be carried over to the next financial year.