

Warham Parish Council - Clerk's Report – 16 July 2020

- 1) Early in lockdown, we were advised that Children's playgrounds should be closed. Luckily, as ours has a gate that can have a padlock fitted, that is what I did. From 4th July, outside playgrounds can be opened again, subject to various conditions. These include notices advising parents that they should supervise children, who should socially distance, & wash/clean their hands before and after the visit. Also we should ensure regular cleaning of the equipment. I get the impression that the majority of playground providers have decided to keep them closed at present. I have done the same.
- 2) I did try to book the Reading Room for this meeting, believing that if we used the main hall, rather than the conservatory, there would not be a problem with social distancing. However, the trustees have decided not to open at present. The advice to Parish Councils is that for the time being they continue to meet "remotely". I assume that this means using Zoom or a similar system. I also assume that the many parts of the country have a better broadband service than we do. We will therefore continue to work an "email meeting" which although slightly slow, worked adequately.
- 3) I finally managed to retire from Binham on 30 June, and to hand over the paperwork to a locum Clerk on 1 July. As well as Warham, I am continuing to work for Holkham PC for the foreseeable future.