

Clerk's Report – Warham Parish Council – Thursday 21 July 2022

I think that we made the right decision changing to Unity Trust Bank. I got an email from them saying that there was a glitch in their system, delaying payments which were entered on Friday 10 June until the following Tuesday. It appears that that period was when we made Steve's Landscape payment that month, and because of the delay they have credited the account with £50. (I don't think that Barclays would have done that!) I have also had several notices saying that the interest rate on the deposit account has risen, (each time that the bank rate changes) It is still only 0.45%, but that is better than the zilch that it was the last couple of years.

I am concerned that we have made no payments (by direct debit) for the electricity for street lighting since December 2021. This is because the company that we were using (E-on) has transferred the business to N-Power. I did get an email early in the year saying that they had a problem, and asking for patience, but I think that they should have sorted it out by now. It is particularly worrying during the present large increases, that of course, we know nothing about as far as our account is concerned. I have written to them and am waiting for a reply.

I have heard nothing from Homes for Wells or Flagship regarding the proposed affordable housing since the last meeting. This is worrying because the annual ROSPA report on the children's playground suggests several problems, and it seems stupid to spend money on the old playground if it is going to be abandoned soon. I wonder how many children actually use it. Does anyone have any ideas? Would it be a problem if we decided to close it? (to avoid getting sued if a child gets hurt).

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