

Clerk's Report – Warham Parish Council – 10 November 2022

- 1) Please note that I am away from home from Friday 4 November to Friday 18 November. Paul Bishop is doing a major job in the house and all the furniture has to be moved out of the living room and into the bedroom. Hence, we are moving into a holiday cottage next door. (I knew there had to be an advantage for them!) Consequently, if you need to contact me during that period, please use my mobile number (07765 253499) rather than my landline. No problem with emails.
- 2) I have finally received accounts for the streetlight's electricity supply. I originally only received the first missing one – December 2021. I emailed them and complained that a) the other accounts were still required and b) the price had shot up by over 50% on the previous month (November 2021). I said that whilst I knew that prices had risen considerably over the last year, the rises did not date back to last December, and I suspected that they were charging at the current rate, rather than that that existed last December. At the time of writing, I have not received a reply, but a few days later I did receive the invoices for the months of January to September 2022. These all seem to be at the same rate, seeming to confirm my suspicions. However, if this is correct, the overall rise is not as much as I expected. I had thought that the price would have doubled by now. All of the invoices are due to be direct debited from our account on 8 November.
- 3) You will have seen the email from a resident of Park Road and my reply to it with regards to the proposed affordable housing scheme. This seems like a late attempt to try to reverse the decision to build the affordable housing. I know that some of the houses in Park Road are now privately owned, but I find it rather ironic that people who live in publicly provided housing should try to stop others from having that advantage. I have tried (via Jane Berwick of Homes for Wells) to get someone from Flagship to attend our meeting. But I am not holding out much hope that they will.

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