

## **Clerk's Report – Warham Parish Council – January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 1) The next 4-yearly elections for Parish and District Councillors take place on 4 May. You might like to think whether you intend to stand as I will try to arrange to complete the application forms at the end of the next meeting in March (as before).
- 2) I attended a Zoom meeting of NNDC staff and Councillors plus Clerks from other parts of the District on Monday 10 January. There was a lot of discussion on the forthcoming elections, and I asked if it was still their intention to make a charge to Parishes for non-contested elections (Broadland and South Norfolk apparently do not). There was nobody available from the elections department, but they thought that was the case. I then said that Parish Clerks were asked to visit noticeboards several times during the process, and that this should be considered – perhaps the cost of both could be offset. They would let us know!
- 3) At the above meeting they asked for feedback on the planning process – the revised system that is undertaken online instead of on paper. I said that the new system had a deficiency in that Parishes were not advised of the eventual outcome of applications (as previously) without periodically checking the website. They said that they had it mind eventually to advise Parishes of the outcome of applications.
- 4) Item 7 on the agenda is regarding obtaining a grant. It is thought that we need to consult Parishioners to determine that they are happy with our proposals.

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