

### **Clerk's Report – Warham Parish Council – 16 November 2023**

We have received an account from NNDC for the work that they undertook at the election in May. I am still of the opinion that no account should be rendered if no election takes place. I realise that there is a minimal amount of work undertaken by the District, but this is countered by the extra work that the Parish (in reality the Clerk at the Parish) undertakes on their behalf for both the Parish and the District elections. I am aware that some Districts decide not to charge Parishes where no election takes place. However, the account rendered for the 2019 election was £34.20. For the 2023 election it was £20.03. I know that if we refuse to pay or render our own counter-account it is likely to lead to a long-protracted argument. I have therefore decided to pay the £20.03. However, I believe that we should try to reverse this policy before the next election.

The spurious email messages which were around during the summer have resurfaced. If you receive a message from me or another Councillor, and it doesn't seem quite right, right click on the sender's name. If this doesn't show the correct email address, you have received a dodgy one. In my case I forwarded them to *Action Fraud*.

I attach a letter from Holkham Letter regarding their Property Department.

You will recall that earlier in the year I completed forms to apply for a grant to add timers to the streetlights, so that they would be switched off between midnight and 5.30am each day. We narrowly missed the March deadline and were told that it would go forward to the next date which was the end of September. I haven't heard anything so rang up the Norfolk Community Foundation to enquire whether we were successful or not. It turns out that although applications have to be in by the end of September, they don't get considered by the Sheringham Shoal panel for some time. In fact, I learnt that our application would be considered (along with others) on Thursday 9 November!

With regard to item 5 on the agenda, when a new development is constructed the District Council asks the developer to suggest a name for it. Kai has asked me if we would like to make a suggestion. On the same day I received an email from Stephen Floate asking me what the current situation was. I was able to tell him that they were supposed to have started, but also asked him if he had any suggestions for the name. He thought about it and came back with the name *Ringwood* – that being the name that the last (real) owner of the field, Amy Floate, used for the extension to her house *Roedene*. NNDC advise that the name needs to be "something" Court because it needs to be separate from Stiffkey Road.

I know from previous experience that we will be asked at some time whether we wish to add streetlights (or light) to the development.

KL 08.11.2023