

Clerk's Report – Warham Parish Council – 23 January 2025

I understand that the new affordable housing has been handed over from Munnings to Flagship or is just about to be. I wrote to them both regarding the pathway and the barbed wire and miscellaneous metal in the hedge, asking them to clear it before they left the site, to make it safe and easier for our contractors to cut the hedge. Rather pleasingly I was told that the agreement with Holkham is that Flagship will be responsible for trimming the hedge. I am told that it is likely that tenants will start to move into the new housing the day after the meeting – Friday 24th.

Following the rejection from Awards for All, I asked for advice from Helen Sephton-Pike of Kompan and have applied to The Geoffrey Watling Charity for £18,000. Results from that are expected in March, about the same time as Hornsea 3. Meanwhile, just before Christmas I received a few queries regarding the Hornsea 3 application and having replied to those, have been told that the application has now gone forward to the committee for consideration. With any luck we should hear from both charities around the time of the next meeting in March.

Following complaints about the road surface at the top of Chapel Street I wrote to Highways but have heard nothing back from them.

You will have read and heard various information regarding the possibility of a total reorganisation of local government at the level of District and County Councils. The first stage of this is for the Norfolk Councils to agree amongst themselves how this should be undertaken. When this idea was mooted about fifteen years ago, we had numerous reports and meetings etc. and basically nothing could be agreed and eventually the idea was dropped. Not surprisingly, it does appear that there is a difference between major conurbations like Manchester or Birmingham and rural areas like Norfolk and Suffolk. However, whatever the end result is, there was no suggestion before that Parish Councils would be affected, and so far, this is also the case this time.

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