

CLERKS REPORT 25/03/26

Policies

There is one policy to adopt at this meeting and that is the Financial Regulations. There are currently no changes to this policy.

Car Park

I have contacted the person at ESC with whom I have been emailing about the abandoned vehicles on the car park. He has now informed me that he no longer covers this area and has passed on my email to the correct department. There appears now to be four vehicles in the car park that are not being moved, that is the Silver Transit (which had previously moved and is now back), the Zafira, an MG and a Ford Focus. Any information received concerning these vehicles will be passed on. The PSPO was again mentioned in the email.

Carlton Meres

A response was received regarding the query about the white lining and not the kerbing being placed at the junction of Carlton Meres, from the Highways department, it states.....

“The scheme constructed was as discharged under planning approval DC/23/4624/DRC. The scheme includes some lining/ hatching at the junction to encourage motorists to turn right. At a recent site inspection, it was noted the white lining needs to be refreshed and this has been requested and should be carried out soon.

Whilst some earlier schemes on the planning portal may have included kerb re-alignment, the scheme submitted to the County Council as part of the S278 application was generally in accordance with that approved under DC/23/4624/DRC.”

Advertising Revenue

All the advertising revenue invoices have now been paid.

Highways

The cost of the project planning for the forecourt appears as an item on the payment sheet. A transfer has been arranged from the Instant Access Account to the Current Account to cover this cost.

Having spoken with the Chair of the Village Hall, she was surprised that the PC would support the forecourt project and not continue to support the lift project with all the CIL funds. As the PC does not have a Neighbourhood Plan in place then the Village Hall cannot claim additional funding from the district CIL to fund the lift project. As we have mentioned there will be some funding available to the Village Hall from the Solar Park grant, but the arrival of these funds is unsure at this time.

Internal Audit

Please note that the internal audit at SALC is to take place on the week commencing the 11th May. This will now be the Clerks priority, to sort the documents needed for this. All the end of year documents will be presented to the Council at the next meeting in April. Once the report is received from SALC it will be submitted to PKF Littlejohn for the external audit.

Annual Parish Meeting

Invites have been sent out for the APM. Richard Smith is unable to attend. Keith Dickerson is attending for KADWAG and the Kelsale-cum-Carlton Community Energy Group. Mary Clarke is attending on behalf of the Village Hall. Cheryl Payne will submit a report on behalf of the

Church. Julia Ewart maybe joining us, but she is clarifying with the monitoring officer to see whether she is able to give a report.

Email Addresses

An email was sent to those Councillors who have not yet changed over to the 'gov.uk'.

It is hoped that the Gmail accounts can be removed.

e-on next

The business plan was coming to an end for the Recreation Ground. There is a new three year term starting, unfortunately as there has only been 10kwh used in a year the connection is being classed as an empty property. Currently the PC pays 30p per day standing charge, this will increase to 56p per day. The unit charge is to increase from 31.4p to 65p. Having spoken to a colleague, this is correct as the company will try to claim back some of the missed revenue by lack of use.

Annual Leave

Please note that Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April are bank holidays and I will not be working those days.