

Clerk's report to Holbrook Parish Council Meeting Monday 15th January 2024

- We had notification that the defibrillator at Admirals' Quarter may have been deployed and we were asked to check it to ensure it was back in place. Cllr Holmes confirmed that all was in order.
- There is still a broken fence post around the children's play area and the gate to the children's play area is broken – there is no latch to close it.
- It is proposed to buy a new bin for outside the Academy back entrance and estimates are included in the supporting documents accompanying the agenda.
- The river water test results continue to be logged weekly. There has been e-coli identified at Holbrook Creek and Woolverstone.
- IT issues still persist. The HP laptop has finally been picked up for repair, but could take 2-3 weeks to be returned. I purchased a personal new printer last March, which I have been using for HPC as the previous printer was not functioning and as a result we have enjoyed free instant ink for the past 10 months. It will be charged at £11.99 per month from January 2024 and reclaimed.
- We have received a request for a grit bin to be installed at Admirals' Quarter. This was investigated a year ago and we were told that it would be the management company who would deal with this and would charge any cost to the residents. I have emailed again to see if we can pursue this further and have had the following response from TW:

"Hi Jo,

Thanks for your email.

Are you aware if Suffolk County Council would grit the highways if these were provided. Our company cannot provide the service and therefore doesn't provide them unless the county will undertake gritting – for us this is mainly around schools or if we build S278s off A-Roads.

NRM would need to be consulted in terms of the locations of them, and the upkeep of which may incur an additional fee to the residents. But my concerns is 'false hope' that if they were provided that any gritting would actually happen.

By way of update the S38 estate highways went onto 12 month maintenance December 2023 and so will be adopted by the end of this year.

In addition, a substantial tree replanting scheme will be proceeding shortly following a post site completing planning condition.

Kind Regards, Reece

Reece Horne | Adoptions Manager | Taylor Wimpey East Anglia"

The resident who raised the request was going to get into touch with NRM as well

- I am working on establishing gov.uk email addresses for all councillors and will write individually to councillors with email names, passwords, etc. once completed.
- I have written to the planning team to ask for clarification about their decision to approve application DC/23/04868 and their reply is in the supporting documents

- We have still had no response from any of the manufacturers to whom we wrote asking for estimates for the pavilion. If a purchase was to go ahead, the council would have to go out to tender. However, it was discussed at the last meeting that a local builder may be able to give an approximate estimate of cost, based on the plans drawn up. Suggestions of local builders who might be prepared to do this would be welcomed.
- Due to various issues, we have not been able to carry out the thermal imaging surveys requested. The camera has been returned and a new slot has been booked from 5th March to 8th April. I have informed all the residents who asked for a survey and will contact them again when we have the camera in March.
- I have been contacted by various residents re the debris following the storm on Tuesday. I have reported one or two issues and some had already been reported but were not considered urgent in the scheme of things. This was the case with the branch overhanging the pavement and layby outside the electricity sub-station.