**Clerk’s Report – April 2024**

There have been two further notifications that the defibrillator had possibly been deployed. The defib was checked and all is in order. We now have one further set of defib pads so there will be no delay if the defibrillator is used, as the pads have to be changed after each use. It may be that the frequent notifications re deployment have been related to another defibrillator, as it appears that the central reservation for defibrillators may have had the wrong serial number. I have sent them a photo and record of the actual serial number.

You may have noticed in one of the NALC bulletins that the new Practitioners Guide for Councils puts emphasis on all Parish Councils having a gov.uk email address and domain name.

Cllr Holmes notified me of fly tipping along the path at the back of the Academy. Following contact with the Academy, it appears that the students were clearing the Academy garden and throwing the unwanted debris over the fence!. This has now been sorted and all debris removed.

I have been chasing EOn for details of their prices for the pavilion electricity supply.

We have been asked to look at a tree on the Reade Field which is overhanging one of the gardens.

Notices of the election of the Police & Crime Commissioner in Suffolk have been put on the noticeboard. The election will take place on 2nd May.

I have spent some time on the website this month, trying to ensure all the links work and also checking that the new email address is correctly listed on each page. I would be really grateful if councillors would let me know if they find any links I may have missed. The Councillor page needs updating to include Cllr Stephens.

The Hedgehog Hooray was held on the Reade Field on Easter Saturday – the weather was kind and there was a constant gentle flow of people, mainly young families.

Despite reminders, some of the people who had requested the Thermal Imaging Camera haven’t come back to me. We have surveyed only 8 houses this year. One of the householders is interested in purchasing insulation through the Bulk Buy/Warmer Homes Holbrook scheme.

Holbrook PC was asked to write a Press release for the Alliance and a copy is attached to the supporting papers.

I attended a virtual meeting about the possible cycle path on the Freston Hill and a brief report and the plans are attached to the supporting documents.

I am hoping to deliver all the necessary finance documents to the internal auditor as soon as possible after the Parish Council April Meeting.