

Clerk's Report – Holkham Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 12 May 2020 – by email

In the first few days of lockdown there seemed to be a dozen or more email messages arriving each day. Despite the fact that many of these were saying the same thing, I felt that it was up to you, not me, to decide which ones were deleted and which ones read. Thank you for your forbearance! I am pleased to say that things seem to have calmed down now, and the number of emails arriving is now little more than normal.

You may have noticed that I have been sending out emails using a Gmail address. It wasn't that I just fancied a change, but it seems that the password for the outgoing mail server on my Apple desktop has been changed, without my knowledge, and since I don't know what the new password is I cannot send out mail using my usual address. There isn't a problem using an iPad, and there isn't a problem receiving mail at the old address, so it seems that I will just have to put up with it for the time being.

Last autumn I decided to retire from Binham PC and gave them 4 months' notice of my intention to finish at the end of the financial year – 31 March. They managed to find someone to take over, and it was arranged that we would meet up in early April to undertake a hand-over. For obvious reasons this didn't happen! So, for the time being I am stuck there, until we get back to normal.

I hear from Emma that John is very ill and has been admitted to hospital. This is nothing to do with COVID, but of course the fact that it is around does not stop people becoming ill for other reasons. I am sure that we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Keith
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