

Holkham Parish Council Clerk's Report – 10 November 2020

With regard to the complaint of speeding vehicles at New Holkham I spoke to highways who confirmed that a speed limit would not be possible in the location but agreed to renew the "SLOW" signs which are painted on the road. It was noted that most of the vehicles that are causing problems are seen at the time which it would be expected that people are travelling to or from work at Longlands. I therefore subsequently contacted James Bracey who agreed to ask all employers at Longlands to inform their staff that speeding is a problem past New Holkham and to ask them to drive considerately in the area.

We have been informed of an event taking place in the Park on Sunday 12 September 2021. This will be a 24km or 24-mile hike along the coast, ending at the Park. This is a fund raiser for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and is expected to draw large crowds of both participants and spectators. I suspect that it may possibly clash with the triathlon run by Wells Harbour which usually takes place on a similar date.

We have received notification from auditors confirming that we are exempt from an external audit (as a small authority with a turnover of less than £25k). This replaces previous annual confirmations that the audit had "passed" the scrutiny process. I am not quite sure why we are given a few short weeks to produce the figures, agree them, and submit them, whilst they have upwards of five months to give them a "tick".

The requirement to find replacement Councillors is becoming critical. Whilst I have not added an item to the agenda this time, I would appreciate it if everybody could do their best to think of, and perhaps speak to, possible candidates. They should either live or work in the Parish of Holkham or live within three miles as the crow flies. Although it is not officially a requirement, it is becoming almost necessary for Councillors to be computer literate. The current situation requiring remote meetings being a prime example.

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