

Holkham Parish Council – Meeting – Tuesday 9 March 2021 – Clerk’s Report

Hopefully, this meeting will be the last by email. When the first lockdown came, almost a year ago, various pieces of legislation were rushed through. One of these was to allow Local Councils to meet “remotely”. This, however, expires on 1 May and at present there does not seem to be any suggestion of extending it. Currently, the figures (of vaccinations, infections, and deaths) seem to be improving every day – so it should be possible to meet properly, and safely. North Norfolk’s figures which were over 400 infections per 100,000 at the beginning of the year were down to 31.5 on 26 February. The population of North Norfolk is about 104k, so the figures are similar to the actual number of cases.

I am hoping that we can arrange for future meetings to take place at the *Victoria* which will I feel be a better venue than the Estate Office, if only because it is more accessible to the general public. Whether they actually want to attend is another matter!

Like most meetings, this one does not have an extensive agenda. However, there is the annual donation to a worthy cause (or more than one). Since discussion by email is so much more difficult than “face to face”, it would help if you have some idea before the meeting of where you think our donation(s) should be made. Alternatively, you may feel that the discussion would be better left until May. I have only received one request this year and that is from the Citizen’s Advice Bureau in Norwich. You have in the past not found this to be a difficulty, with many (very) local organisations benefiting.

There is a late planning application for discussion at the meeting – the proposal to provide a bridle path for horses only, down the side of Lady Ann Drive. It would help if you could look at this before the meeting and come with an opinion, or any comments.

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