

Holkham Parish Council - Clerk's Report for 13 July Meeting

Re New Councillors:

I wrote to NNDC telling them that Jane intended to resign from 13 July as she no longer worked at Holkham and didn't live in the Parish. They contacted me to say that she would have to resign immediately because she was "no longer qualified" to be a Councillor. I pointed out that she was, as she lives within three miles of the Parish. Needing to have the last word they then said they could not accept an "intention to resign in the future" and I should write again after 13 July! I will do that.

I wrote to Peter Mitchell on 26 May suggesting that as an employee of the Estate, Jane had been a useful "conduit" between the Estate and the Council. I asked if he could perhaps help in finding another employee who might join the Council. I have not had a reply, and therefore there is no reason why the two ladies that Harvey says are interested, could not be co-opted. There is one vacancy available immediately (Paul Bloomfield resignation) and another will be in about 3-4 weeks when all the paperwork has been done from Jane's resignation.

I have had an email from the external auditors stating that the audit for 2020/21 has been completed without problems.