

Clerk's Report – Holkham PC – 11 July 2023

- 1) Shortly before the meeting, on Sunday 9th July, there will have been another "Outlaw Triathlon". The swim and run for this takes place on the Holkham Estate and is unlikely to be a nuisance to the general public. However, the cycle ride uses public roads almost to King's Lynn and back and they were predicting up to 1000 competitors. Sooner or later, I believe that this will cause trouble with the ordinary motorists who are trying to use the same roads at one of the busiest times of year.
- 2) On Monday 3 July at least two of us received spurious emails for which our website obviously provided the details. Because the use of a website (and the information it contains) is a legal requirement, there is not much we can do about this other than to be very careful.
- 3) I have received notification from the appointed accountants that our annual audit has been accepted.
- 4) With regard to Councillor numbers, we are still in a vulnerable position, with two vacancies. Please be "on the lookout" for possible candidates.
- 5) I thought that we had finally freed ourselves from the clutches of Barclays. However, because of the initial problems with the logging on to Unity Trust, it appears that our annual payment (£35) to the Information Commissioner had been passed to Barclays before it could be set up on Unity. I was first aware of this when I received a letter from Barclays stating that we owed them 57p for an "unauthorized overdraft". I have written to them stating that the problem is of their making since they told us that they were closing the account in March. I have said that we will pay them the £35 but not the 57p and am waiting for a reply to acknowledge this before taking further action. I have also said that the account should be closed as soon as they receive the £35.

KL 04.07.2023