

Clerk's Report – Holkham Parish Council – November 2023

You will find this year's recommended precept calculation on the "finance" PDF under the usual bank reconciliation. As you will see, I am recommending that we keep the precept at £3500. This could be a bit tight, but I think that we can manage one more year without an increase.

Daisy rang me after the last meeting and said that she thought that she had a possible candidate for one of the Councillor vacancies. I said that we had been without for so long now, that it wouldn't hurt to discuss it at the November meeting – just to make sure that everyone is happy with it.

I have received a letter as Warham Clerk (but not for Holkham) talking about the reorganisation of the Estate's property department. They will be now have two divisions, one to deal with the planning and building of new properties to rent, the other to maintain existing properties.

The spurious email messages which were around during the summer have resurfaced. Last time they supposedly came from Harvey, this time it is Daisy. If you receive a message from me or another Councillor, and it doesn't seem quite right, right click on the sender's name. If this doesn't show the correct email address, you have received one. In my case I forwarded them to *Action Fraud*.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, I had been receiving monthly notices from Barclays telling me that we were (slightly) overdrawn. The latest told me that this had increased by 3p and presumably must have cost at least 75p to post. However, on Monday 6/11 I received confirmation that they have closed the account! This meant that they had to write off £2.08 – I hope we are not responsible if they go bust!

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