

## **Clerk's Report – Holkham Parish Council – 9 January 2024**

Item 6 on the agenda is to discuss biodiversity and conservation within the Parish. It is a government requirement that all public authorities, including Parish Councils discuss this by 31 December 2023. This announcement was apparently made last May, although I missed it at the time, and the attached paperwork, from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, only arrived in my inbox on 15 November – one day after the last meeting of the year. Hence Holkham Parish Council has been acting illegally for the last 9 days.

This is a typical Government initiative, which, however good it may be, I suspect will be forgotten about in due course. However, in the meantime we have to consider it. So please do your best to at least scan the 5-page *Biodiversity* file before the meeting!

It has been announced that a previous member of Holkham Parish Council will be taking over as Wells Town Clerk when Greg Hewitt retires next October. I'm sure that we would all like to congratulate Emma Gunhouse and wish her luck in the post.

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