

Holkham Parish Council – Clerk’s Report 12 March 2024

The chance of using money from the “grand scheme” on the A149 appears to have been lost. Both my approaches to Andrew Jameson, and those of Michael Dalby seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Although, back in November, he appeared to be sympathetic to our aims of reducing the speed limit through the village, it now appears that the County Council is so short of money, that they need every penny to maintain essential services. Andrew Jameson, as deputy leader of the Council, appears to be in charge of their budgeting for next year. This is a problem affecting both District and County Councils – the government passes out responsibilities to local councils but does not give them enough money to pay for them. An example of this was shown in Peter Fisher’s report at the last meeting. The government has decided that District Councils will be responsible for housing homeless families. Fair enough, but they are only able to claim back £98 a week from central government. It currently costs NNDC in the region of £700 a week, meaning that Council Taxpayers have to find the £600 difference! You might like to mention this to any candidates that come canvassing for a forthcoming election!

Nothing else to report!

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