

Holkham Clerk's Report – 12 May 2026

You will remember that Emma is away for the whole of May, although she has agreed to continue as Chair when she returns if required. This of course, doesn't stop anyone else from applying if they want to (and a vote being held). Either way, we will need a temporary Chair for the 12/5 meeting.

I enclose a copy of the audit papers which need to be signed off at the meeting. You will find it easier at the meeting if you familiarize yourself with the various papers beforehand. This particularly applies to the "Annual Governance Statement". If there is anything in this that you don't understand, please raise it with me, either at or before the meeting.

Yet another change which brings a cost to the Council Tax payer and which we have no choice over. We are no longer allowed to use "personal" (and free) email addresses but have to pay for the following:

clerk@holkhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

I'll be putting this into effect sometime during the year!

Our accounts for the year look worse than they should do. This is due to the fact that we have been carrying a reserve of over £600 (paid by central government) for many years for the purchase of a laptop computer. In fact, I managed to get a laptop, mouse, bag, and some software for just £560 due to the fact that IT equipment has reduced in price over the years! We will not have this expenditure in future.

KL 06/05/26