

Clerk's Report to the Council meeting on 20.02.2024

Matters for information only.

1. The Clerk has passed her portfolio and is now CiLCA qualified (Certificate in Local Council Administration).
2. The new laptop has now been set up and is working well.
3. DBC had retrieved my grant application and so the PC still has a chance to receive £3k towards the playground project.
4. All the community grants and the Village Hall grant had been paid.
5. The Clerk will book the annual defibrillator service and annual inspection of the gym equipment. March agenda. The play area inspection is prebooked and is due in May/June.
6. The Clerk has started phase 1 of the internal audit with the home visit to check the files/documents set up for 27th March. The final Internal Audit report to be filed before 6th May ready to be considered and approved at the May's meeting. Please note that this is a preferred option. Should there be a delay, the Council still has the June meeting to approve the accounting statements and annual return.

Report from PCSO:

There was only one crime in Wigginton during January in the public interest. Between 3/1/24 and 4/1/24 an offender has approached a property on Grymsdyke Road, Wigginton and removed a child's football Goal and net from a front garden before making off. This crime remains undetected.

Matters and actions outstanding from previous meeting (s):

1. The Council should consider a date for community litter pick in April – date to go in the Oddy.
2. The Council to think of a date for Defibrillator Training in April – date to go in the Oddy.
3. St. Bartholomew's C of E School had collected £81 towards the tree planting project. The cheque will be posted to Unity Trust by the clerk.

Correspondence Received:

1. Email from DBC planning officer re: 23/03031/ROC - The Artisan, Tring Road, Cow Roast, that Condition 12 has now been removed from consideration, and it is now only Condition 15 that is now being considered.
2. The Church Fete will be held on the 7th September.
3. Request from a resident for the Council to consider challenging DBC's planning policy and procedures since they currently do not consult Parish on DRC applications.