

CLERK REPORT MAY 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

It has been another very busy month.

The Year End process has taken precedence. All the work has been sent to the internal auditor ahead of the meeting tomorrow.

Unfortunately, the council cannot resolve the General Power of Competence as there are too few elected councillors to meet the criteria.

Cllr Brockhurst is working hard to repair the damaged finger post, and he is hoping to complete the repair in the next few weeks.

I have a meeting with two representatives from ESCC and the Horam Chapel on Wednesday 28th May to discuss the possibility of the Chapel being used as a youth facility.

I have responded to the Freedom of Information Request.

The Kiss Air Ambulance have thanked the parish council for their generous grant award and continued support.

Cllrs Knight and Sadler have had their names put forward for the next Nettlesworth Farm visit.

Susan Stedman who joined the last Full Council meeting on zoom in April and who is deaf in one ear reported that she could hear everyone clearly at the meeting and was suitably impressed with virtual access.

Another member of the public who visited the office this week praised the council on their very interesting and well-presented APA.

A date has now been arranged for the meeting with Trevor Scott.

A date is in the process of being arranged for the meeting with WDC Cllr Kelvin Williams and WDC Helen Markwick to discuss the WDC Sports Infrastructure Funding Programme.

Email correspondence has been sent to WDC regarding planning issues as well as an additional planning meeting this month which has been time consuming.

I am still waiting for information needed for the credit card application.

Europlants have been contacted regarding the planters in the high street.

I still need a councillor volunteer to complete an internal audit.

ESCC have confirmed that last year's grass contribution will be paid in the next few days. This was due to oversight by ESCC.

All the arrangements were put into place regarding the DCM repair work to the play areas.