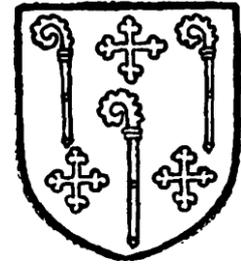


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CLERK'S INFORMATION for TPC MEETING 09.01.2024

GOOGLE DRIVE: Email response from D.Moody - *The only real issue is data security. There are two flavours of Google Drive – Basic (free) and Business (paid for). Really, you should be using Business because it gives you control over the data, including where in the world it is stored, and full data management for GDPR and data protection purposes. It's a risk v benefit thing, so you and the TPC councillors might have a view on whether the data risk is worth the cost of the paid-for version. The formal recommendation is for councils to use a business-class service (Microsoft 365 is the common one), but I accept that you may feel that the juice is not worth the squeeze.*

Business standard is £4.71 a month (£57.00 a year) and for the recommend is £14.13 a month (£170.00 a year). The budget cannot account for this amount.

NACRE: Email informing TPC that they can provide you with a range of support services, tailored to meet your needs and priorities. Alongside offering regular networking opportunities, with other NACRE members and speaker sessions - Potential to help with 'Old Friar'. The fee for membership is £35 + VAT for one year. Email sent to all Cllrs.

CORBY LIBRARY: We were wondering whether your village, town or parish would be interested in having Corby Library come along to visit and have an information stand to showcase all of the services we can offer to yourselves. We would be looking to come and visit between January and 31st March next year.

EMAIL FROM VILLAGER - Regarding the trees adjoining Manor farm along the road from Shrublands down to the Old Post office. The trees represent a real risk to electricity supply, properties and people living along the road. In recent years, the trees have gone largely untended and have grown to the point where some have branches near to or going through the electrical supply coming from the network TNS transformer opposite Oakdene and distributing along the road. Some of the taller trees are strangled by Ivy and are subject to risk of falling.

- **The work carried out by Western Power on Monday the 27th of November made little difference to the supply interruption risk and made no difference to the risk to property and people.**

- **I fully appreciate that this is a difficult subject for the Parish Council as ownership is not yet determined for all the trees but this issue and the risk it represents has been present for some time now and we appear to have made little progress. It is my opinion and the opinion of most of the people living near the area that these trees need to be seriously reduced in size or removed.**

This is continuing on from agenda items 0923.08 & 1123.09b where Cllr SL was going to speak to the owner.

EMAIL - Sunbelt Rentals have requested a road closure on the above road to safely carry out New Gas Connection. It is expected that the works will take 3 days and are due to commence on 18/03/24 - 20/03/24

PRINTING TPC INFORMATION: Is the TPC willing to cover the cost of £2.99 a month for the clerk's printer ink's allowance from Hewlett Packard of a 100 sheets per month (Can provide invoices). During October & November was the 1st time that they went over their allowance creating a cost of £4.99 a month? If this is not acceptable to the TPC, the alternative will be driving to local printing provider, thus encroaching into the clerk's allocated time allowance and causing undue millage.

~~**CLERK TRAINING:** Would like to complete the CiLCA course in 2025 which will benefit the TPC. Clerks going to complete Officer Development training this year after discussions with the trainer in preparation for the CiLCA. There are 18 E Learning modules at £25.00 +VAT alongside the major training sessions.~~

~~The cost for the CiLCA training course is £545+VAT per learner, payable to Northants CALC. An additional registration fee of £450 (non-vatable)* is payable to the SLCC. *Fees usually increase annually. Prices correct at 4 October 2023, so needs to be allocated into the budget over a suggested number of years.~~

CLERK WAGES: Chair requested that Clerk looked into ???? to pay the clerks wages. They currently pay other clerks wages and are used by NCAL for payments.

McQUEEN HOUSE: Email saying they are going to have to increase the cost of the hall for evening bookings to £40.00 to cover costs, like everyone they are suffering with all the price increases - Have kept the booking for the 9th January 2024, are TPC in agreement for the rest of the years bookings.

80th D DAY CELEBRATIONS: Is ~~the~~ TPC going to do anything to commemorate this?

NORTH NORTHANTS GREENWAY - Meeting with Twywell Hills and Dales Ranger, Lucy Hawes, Woodford and Cranford Parish Councils. Potential Wednesday am meeting, end of January / Early February 2024 - Any PC available for this as I am at work - Lucy is happy for my husband to attend on my behalf, if no one is available.

PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION - James Totten supplied with all the information a new Parish Councillor is required to sign before he attends the next meeting, along with copies given to other TPC as clerk doesn't have copies of the ones they completed on file. This has also been copied to the unitary PC members on the TPC.

At this point I would like to bring up the lack of communication from the TPC's to the clerk - Do you access your emails on a regular basis? Responses are not forthcoming via emails,emails; do you ~~have another preferred way of communication?~~ and any clerk is unable to complete their job successfully without Cllrs input.

