

Chairman's Report April 2023

Only 5 villagers put their names forward as candidates for the parish council for the next 4 years. After 9th May we will need to coopt on to the parish council.

We have 3 applicants for the role of clerk/RFO with interviews being held on the 4th and 5th May at the rear of the Parish Hall. It is suggested that the Chair and Vice chair conduct the interviews with recommendations going to the next parish council meeting after the election in May.

I was given the name of a Locum RFO by our internal auditor and have recruited her to cover until we have a new clerk/RFO. The pay scale is current clerk rate + 20%. She will do all the AGAR which will keep the auditors happy.

We have had the VAT back at the end of March, the county council contribution to the kissing gates and the fist half of our precept. I am currently chasing the £126 we were promised by the county council for an extra grass cut.

I have received a document signed by the head of Finance at the borough confirming our Section 106 monies which they will pay direct to our account. As a result I have ordered the equipment for the playing field.

We are now using the new laptop which is far quicker than the old machine however we need to keep the old machine in case we are missing passwords. I have yet to transfer all the contacts to the new laptop.