

Clerk's Report May 2026

- The speed machine outside of the Village Hall was assessed by Westcotec and determined to be of too high voltage for them to check. They have referred it to UK Power Network as of May 7th. However, as it is 22 years old, it might require full replacement.
- The hedge on North Pickenham Road poses a danger to pedestrians walking along the road. I reported this hedge to Norfolk Highways last year, but after inspection they did not deem it necessary to cut back. I have had a resident reach out and ask that it be assessed again so I have reported it to Highways again. If Highways continue to say it is not a risk, the Parish Council might consider cutting it back.
- The Police are aware of the gas canisters that the Caretaker has found near the MUGA. However, currently they do not have a solution on how to stop this activity or where to dispose of the empty canisters. It is an issue across many Parishes.
- After approval at the last meeting, I worked with Jack from Finding Fitness to apply for a National Lottery Grant to cover the full cost of a Monkey Challenge Wall on the playing field near the exercise equipment. Currently, we are still in the 12 week wait to hear a response. If successful, the Parish Council will receive funding to cover the £7,950.00 cost of the project. The Parish Council will need to pay the VAT, however, this will be recovered in a routine VAT return. Just to remind everyone that there will be no charge if we are unsuccessful. I expect a response by early June.
- Our mole catcher has caught five moles in the last month. Two down by the social club and three up near the community pitches. As agreed at the last meeting, Necton Parish Council will pay for the laying of the traps and moles caught on the community pitch and the Football club will pay for any moles caught on their pitch.
- Our Caretaker has assembled and installed the replacement bench on Ramm's Lane. He has bolted it down on all four legs to deter future vandalism. The plaque we were meant to receive for free with the purchase of the bench has gotten lost in the mail. I'm liaising with the company to see what can be done about this.
- The ditch on Chantry Court continues to be an issue with both Flagship and Breckland continuing to deny ownership. Last correspondence was with Flagship who informed me that they were on the case and would be looking further into it with Breckland. I'll continue to push for action.

Who owns the hedge in front of Church Farm