

There are a number of matters connected with the way you have reacted recently that require clarification. These matters go back to the meeting held on 15 March 2021, which you attended, at which it was unanimously agreed that a plea bargain would be accepted in relation to the former clerk's theft, on the basis that all stolen monies would be repaid.

It was confirmed that the total amount stolen was approximately £30,000. Of this sum, £8,000 had already been repaid in 2017, prior to the final investigation which commenced in 2018. The remaining amount outstanding was therefore calculated to be in excess of £20,000. These figures were agreed by all parties present at the time.

Given your position, you had access to the relevant spreadsheets and financial records and, at any time, you could have checked these documents in order to fully understand the figures involved.

However, I am extremely concerned by a statement you made to the Monitoring Officer on 20 August 2025, in which you said that two Welney Parish Councillors had checked the theft figures and had arrived at a completely different figure, stating that only £8,000 had been stolen.

This directly contradicts the figures that were previously agreed and formally recorded.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I therefore request that you confirm the names of the two Welney Parish Councillors who allegedly provided you with this information.

I raised this matter directly with the current Chair, Ken Goodger, at a Welney Parish Council meeting, but he was unable to assist me.

It is particularly concerning that such a significant discrepancy now appears to exist. As you will be aware, when DC Forman, who was in charge of this case, fell ill, it is possible that the memory stick containing the spreadsheet showing the full theft figure of approximately £30,000 may have been lost. If this is the case, it may explain how the original and agreed figures are now being questioned.

In light of the above, I believe it is essential that the source of this new and conflicting figure of £8,000 is properly identified and clarified. As the police informed me on the 14th May 2025 the total amount recorded on their computer was theft of slightly above £8,000. Not the figures that were on the memory stick compiled to the efforts of the team working with DC Forman.

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Serving as Chair and overseer for this fraud case gave me a firsthand understanding of the immense time, precision, and effort required by the team assisting DC Forman in calculating the figures. Witnessing their dedication highlighted just how complex and meticulous the process was, from gathering data to ensuring every calculation was accurate. It reinforced my appreciation for the detailed work that underpins sound financial investigations.

Please see below handout I read out to the Chair of the Welney Parish Council meeting on 3rd February at the bottom of this provide details how to access all the correspondence and interaction between the police and the then Welney Parish Council. This printout was handed out to all of the members of the public being around 10 of them.

My Question to Ken Goodger Chairman of WPC 3rd February 2026

My freedom of speech has been taken away by Welney Parish Council through the issuing of a vexatious order against me—for telling the truth.

A conflict of interest was not declared, yet individuals were allowed to break standing orders by sitting on a panel meeting on 7 January 2022. At that meeting, several councillors decided not to take forward a case relating to a plea bargain agreed in March 2021 between Norfolk Police and the former parish clerk who stole over £20,000.

The agreement was clear: in return for a caution, the stolen money would be repaid. I was Chair at the time, this was agreed with the police on 9 March 2021, and it was formally minuted and ratified in the council minutes of 15 March 2021.

Detective Constable Foreman later informed me that some councillors did not want the case pursued. As a result, a person with a criminal history was allowed to walk away with more than £20,000 of public money—taken from the village purse—under your watch.

Anyone who wishes to see the evidence, including emails and police correspondence, can find it at **fen-artfulness.co.uk** under “**Welney Clerk Fraud**”, in the **Timeline of Events** section.