

Clerk's report Tto Holbrook Parish Council Meeting Monday 20th November

- The defibrillator can now be fitted at Admirals Quarter as the post has now had time to establish.
- The energy event on 28th October was well attended and Babergh were pleased with the footfall.
- The Chairman and Clerk attended a Parish Council liaison meeting at Great Cornard, where attendees were asked to identify some of their priorities for the future.
- There is a broken fence post around the children's play area
- Pieces of the fort at the top of the slide are being broken off and put in the woods or elsewhere on the Reade field.
- The new slide and log traverse has been ordered from Playquip, as confirmation of the grant from Babergh has been received. The Council will have to pay the balance of the cost of the equipment.
- I have received a couple of requests to signpost residents to the online Neighbourhood plan, but no-one has yet asked me for a hard copy.
- Leaflets about the referendum should by now have been delivered to all houses in Holbrook and Lower Holbrook
- The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with Harkstead Parish Council to discuss a possible transport link through Erwarton and Harkstead to the 92 bus. A further meeting will be held on 28th November. Any scheme has to be sustainable which could be a challenge. Another option would be a dial-up service, similar to the old "Buzzabout" scheme. If a viable scheme can be developed, the deadline for applications is 20th December.
- Courses/networking events attended: a one day online conference run by SLCC – topics discussed included External & Internal Audit issues, cyber attacks and email security, disaster recovery plans, finance packages, value for money and what makes a good employer. A clerk networking session involved discussions on planning, solar farms, how to support vulnerable people, etc.
- The Clerk has received requests from Harkstead Parish Council to write to residents on the route from Holbrook to Harkstead to trim hedges which are causing visibility issues
- The refuse bin at the back entrance of the Academy has come loose from its stand. O. Abbott has agreed to look at it to see if it can be refitted. The bin itself seems undamaged.
- The Community Caretaker has been on jury service, but managed to carry out his litter picks.