

Clerk's Report – July 2024

Training attended: NALC/SALC Climate Change – how PCs can help, Scribe: Parish Council's responsibility for biodiversity; Scribe: community engagement. I try and access as much of the Scribe training as possible, as it is free and usually of a high standard.

Completed and submitted the monitoring form for the grant from Babergh – they have acknowledged receipt

Ongoing: there is still a fence panel broken on the fence to the playground and another one about to go. I think the gate needs a complete overhaul to make it secure.

The accessibility gate at the Reade Road end has been improved by Ollie removing the part of the fence which was blocking access.

Various reports of overhanging hedges and trees have been lodged on the reporting tool.

I have been contacted again by a resident who is concerned about a tree overhanging his garden at the Reade Road end of the Reade Field.

The Parish Alliance is developing a future plan to address various issues affecting the Peninsula

A new gov.uk email address has been created for the editor of the Parish Papers, which is: editor@holbookparishcouncil.gov.uk. The email account for M Holmes has now been de-activated.

A notice advertising the vacancy for a Councillor has been posted and we await confirmation from Babergh that we can go ahead and co-opt. This should be received within the next couple of weeks.

Although we are seeking quotes for the new pavilion to provide a basis for fund-raising, grant seeking, etc., we will have to go out to public tender when everything else, (planning permission, funding, etc.) is in place.

Councillor King has now been added as a signatory to the bank account.

Further work being done on how to proceed with the water testing programme after October, when the funding has expired.

The Asset Register has been updated to include the new playground equipment.