



Clerk's Report – May 2026 Holbrook Parish Council

Training/Meetings attended:

- Co-pilot seminar (Hi-tachi Solutions)
- NALC Climate meeting
- SCC Highways forum – budget priorities (SALC)
- Getting positive outcomes from procurement (Scribe)

Playground inspection: I have added the inspection report to the Agenda and supporting papers. I am in the process of compiling a list of the remedial recommendations, which we could carry out.

Councillor Vacancy: there are now three vacancies on the Parish Council. Councillors are encouraged to think of possible candidates to fill the vacancies

Community Speedwatch: we are plodding on with our limited volunteers and our aim is to undertake an average of one watch a fortnight.

Dog Poo on the Reade Field – I have received an email complaining about dog poo on the Reade Field. I walk there almost every day and have to admit to having to pick up other people's dog poo quite regularly. Suggest a note in next parish papers and also maybe some laminated notices on the gates reminding dog walkers to clear up after themselves.

Football I have been told it is possible that the Swan football team will be unable to field a team next season, but this is unofficial. If it becomes official we may want to offer the Stour Girls football team more access. We have also been approached by Holbrook Hornets in the past. Stour Girls have confirmed that they would definitely like to continue to use the pitch next year.

The People's Emergency Briefing film has been booked to be shown on 26th June at Holbrook Village Hall, starting at 7.00 p.m. The event will be free, but ticketed. Our MP, County Councillor and District Councillor have been invited to attend. Information will be included in the Parish Papers and the invitation has been extended to members of the Shotley Parish Council Alliance. Councillors are encouraged to spread the word to anyone who may be interested.

Alton Green – you will see from the papers that we have had concern expressed by residents of properties surrounding Alton Green that some residents have recently been parking permanently on The Green. We have done some research about the rules and regs and have enlisted the help of Babergh via Mary McLaren and Open Spaces (of which we are members). It is a bit of a grey area!

Street Lighting times we have had an email from the proprietor of The Swan to ask the Parish Council to consider extending the street lighting on Fridays and Saturdays to take account of their 11 p.m. closing times. Currently the lights go off at 11 p.m. daily. Opinions have been sought from members of GHGW and other residents and so far there is little support for extending the times. It may need a wide spread consultation if changes are to be made.

The **Planter** outside the Coop needs some TLC – plants are not my strong point so wonder if anyone can recommend the best plants to have in that location.

Jo Hazlewood – May 2026