



Clerk's Report –October 2026 Holbrook Parish Council

Training/Meetings attended:

23/09/26	Budgeting workshop (Scribe)
28/09/26	Resilience & Emergency Planning (SALC)
29/09/06	Demonstration of Accounts package by Scribe
12/10/06	NALC & NEB Seminar – El Nino
14/10/06	SALC -Highways Seminar – flooding
16/10/06	NALC Seminar – climate emergency

Anglian Water: despite information to the contrary, the road has not been passable before and after work is being carried out. There has been another water pipe burst at Stutton towards the entrance of Alton Water. Many residents of Stutton were without water for a couple of days and the school had to close. The latest information is that the total closure may, if work goes according to plan, be replaced with two way traffic lights on Wednesday 21st October.

Parish Council grants: notices have been put up around the village inviting applications from organisations for a grant which will benefit the residents of Holbrook.

Signage for the Playground/Exercise Equipment: I have received a quote for the sign at the playground for the adult equipment, which is attached to the papers. The wording for the sign is as follows:

**“THE ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND THE CHILDREN’S PLAY EQUIPMENT ARE
MANAGED BY HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL PLEASE REPORT ANY ISSUES TO:**

clerk@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk

In the event of an accident or emergency, please contact the emergency services on 999

What3Words: Towels Enthused Stubborn” The company will submit a prototype once we confirm an order.

Grit Bins: The grit bin at Berners Field has now been replenished.

Accessible gate: I have been asked by several residents what is happening to try and rectify the noise the accessible gates are making. I have emailed Playquip again to see if they can take a look as soon as possible at the gate at the Reade Road end. The worst noise appears to be coming from the hinge side of both gates.

SID: An engineer turned up a few weeks ago, without an appointment, to carry out the maintenance of the SID, which happened to be being re-charged at the time. As no appointment was made, it was not possible for them to access the SID. I have emailed them to ask them to make an appointment for the annual maintenance and to also follow up our request for training.

Community Speedwatch: we have been asked by the Primary School if their road safety team can join us on a watch at some point. They have decided to defer this until the road closure at the RHS has ended.

Parking at Alton Green: I recently spoke to a resident at Alton Green who said they believed the situation had improved – we will keep monitoring the situation.

Pond/Maintenance at Alton Green: we consulted Suffolk Wildlife Trust who have agreed to visit with a view to advising on the preservation of the wildlife. A local farmer is able to help with clearing the pond. In the meantime, the Cordle family, who cut the grass twice a year are

undertaking some tidying of areas of the Green to remove the brambles etc. We have received an email from some of the residents at Alton Green thanking us for the work the Mark Cordle has done to clear the brambles etc. (copy email attached)

Broken drain cover: The Community Caretaker informed me of a broken drain cover across the road from the Primary School. I was surprised to find on the reporting tool that this had to be reported by phone as an emergency, which I did. However, no action seems to have been taken.

Road sign down: the Woodlands road sign has fallen down at the Ipswich Road end, which has been reported. However, there didn't seem to be a facility to report this on either the Babergh or SCC reporting tool, so it was reported by email.

Parish Papers: invoices for advertisements, other than "one-off" ads have recently been issued. One advertiser has decided not to continue. I will update the Council next meeting on any other feedback.

Summary of some Key Emails forwarded to full council :

Subject	Date forwarded
NALC events	23/9 & 6/10
SALC News Bulletins	23/9,29/9,13/10
Report of SALC's Super Forum	23/9
NALC's Chief Executive's Bulletin	24/9. 1/10, 8/10
HPC's draft minutes of the meeting 21/9	25/9
SALC's Training Bulletin	30/9
NSIPs Bulletin	30/9
Planning Changes following publication of the NPPF	1/10
Babergh Town and Parish Update	5/10
Cost of Living Forum, Babergh	5/10
NSIP Webinar	6/10
Wind Turbine Consultation Meetings	8/10

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13th October 2026