

Parish Council Report – August 2026

The Parish Council approved the appointment of a new clerk to the council. Alison Dunphy was the successful applicant and will take up the post on 5th October 2026. The current clerk will be staying on in his role as Responsible Finance Officer.

One of the Parish Council's responsibilities is to review risks and maintain a risk assessment report. Amendments to the risk assessment to include the Multi Use games Area were reviewed and approved. This action was highlighted by the Internal Auditor.

The Library Quarterly Report was reviewed. This highlighted how well the library is doing and is a credit to the Library and Information Officer Rebecca Hill and the volunteers. The library has recently been repainted and now looks amazing. The councillors expressed how proud they are of this facility in the village. One issue for people in the library is trying to keep cool during the recent heatwaves. The Parish Council approved the purchase of new blinds and an additional fan which should help in the future. It was noted that the Summer Reading Challenge for this year is Read to the Beat and we hope the children enjoy reading as many books as they can during the summer holidays. It was also noted that to mark Her Majesty The Queen's birthday (17th July 2026) she reported a renewed commitment to supporting children's literacy with the announcement that every Year 6, P6 and age-equivalent child across the UK will be gifted a special edition of the bestselling book Impossible Creatures by award-winning author Katherine Rundell. During the Autumn, the book will be distributed through schools and libraries.

The council also approved the installation of a CCTV camera at the Public Conveniences. Unfortunately, we have suffered vandalism on several occasions and we need to take action to safeguard the building and any other users.

Actions from the last Sandhill Park Working Group were reviewed. A follow up Working Group meeting will take place in September 2026.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7pm in the village hall (new small hall).

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