



Holybrook Parish Council

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Clerk's Written Report:

Monday 31st March 2025

Beansheaf Centre/Parish Office:

Maintenance:

15/01/2025 The sofas which were being stored in The Garage, cleaned and brought into the Beansheaf Centre reception.

Centre:

05/03/2025 Air conditioning service due.

06/03/2025 Access control system repair planned.

Office:

03/03/2025 Office Support completing Co-Production training in Newbury. Report expected.

19/03/2025 Clerk to attend an on-line employers' Pension meeting.

Parish:

Playgrounds:

21/01/2025 Graffiti removed from bin at Holymead Playground at an additional cost of £15.00

February Annual perimeter cut-backs completed.

24/02/2025 Playground repairs completed at the Holymead playground which included a new springer and a new climbing net. After the work was completed there were some snags which were due to be repaired on Monday 3rd March 2025.

General:

16/01/2025 Enquiry received over land ownership of part of Linear Park. Answer sought and provided to the resident concerned.

24/01/2025 Report received from Cllr Lenaghan of a problem with the Hawkesbury Drive Park entrance gate. Onward reported.

28/01/2025 Report received from resident regards the condition of Pooh Bridge. Onward reported to the Countryside Department of West Berkshire Council.

03/02/2025 Resident visited the Parish Office seeking help on a land issue. As this is outside the remit of the Parish Council, the enquiry was reverted to the District Councillors who were going to contact the resident directly.

- 16/02/2025 Linear Park playfields were damaged by a mini-motor cycle. The CCTV will be reviewed and, if any appropriate information is found it will be passed to the relevant authorities.
- 20/02/2025 Several resident complaints were received following a deluge of advertising posters being erected through the Parish. The Chairman removed several and the Clerk has contacted the Highways Department at West Berkshire Council. Fly-posting is an offence.
- 25/02/2025 A Community Speed Watch session was completed with the Clerk and two volunteers. The session took place on Charrington Road from 09:00 and 10:00. In total over 70 vehicles passed. The speed of 51 vehicles was recorded with the average speed being 27.9mph. 11 vehicles were observed to be above 30mph with 3 of these reaching 35mph.

One vehicle stopped and asked if their speed had been recorded (it had at 34mph) and several pedestrians passed comment to the team including thanks and people stating that the team should been on site earlier and that the team should be out monitoring how many non-bus vehicles use the bus sump in Beansheaf.

The Community Speed Watch team makes a difference BUT MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED!

Street nameplates, including the Holybrook symbol, should be installed sometime around week commencing 17th March 2025

Finance:

- The Council has been successful in its bid for a grant towards the solar panel project. The grant offered is £18,528 which must be claimed no later than 7th March 2025. The Clerk has completed all the necessary paperwork.
- The Council has been successful in its Members' Bid for a contribution towards the replacement carpets and new children's chairs. The sum of £1,682.50 is to be claimed by the Clerk.
- The grant awarded to the Council for new bus shelters has been received and will be kept in an earmarked reserve for the appropriate spending. Installation is expected during late Spring.

A meeting with the solar panel installation company is now awaited.

West Berkshire Council Planning Decisions:

Application Number	Location	Application Proposal	Decision
24/02681/HOUSE	22 Sweet Briar Drive, Calcot	Single storey rear and side extension	Granted
25/00150/COND	The Garage Building, Linear Park, Charrington Road, Calcot	Change of use of the building in Linear Park known as 'The Garage' from a storage facility to a refreshment kiosk providing mainly off-site consumption of hot and cold beverages and food. Some tables on-site for limited on-site service. Condition 3 (pergola)	Granted
25/00236/CERTP	3 Lamplighters Walk Calcot	Single storey rear extension construction	Refused

24/02480/HOUSE	2 Fortrose Walk, Calcot	Front Porch	Granted
24/02081/HOUSE	21 Corsham Road, Calcot	Erection of outbuilding for use as a study/gym with shower room and store	Granted
24/02530/CERTP	16 Grangely Close, Calcot	Move the fence back to the boundary.	LAWFUL