CLERK'S REPORT – 15th July 2026

6. Parish Council Matters

Resignation of Mr. Andrew Walker as Clerk. – Mr. Andrew Walker resigned suddenly without warning or reason on 21st May 2026. Cllr. Andy Peters and Clerk Mr. Geoff Davis regularised the situation with an 'Exit' Interview on 12th June, at which he was offered the opportunity to re-consider his resignation, but declined to do so. Subsequently Mr. Walker's employment as Clerk was terminated on 20th June 2026 as One Months Notice from 21st May. His final salary payment was £257.40 for this period, and as he was not capable f performing any work for the Parish Council due to security issues, this period was deemed to cover any outstanding holiday.
Mr. Geoff Davis has revised his hours back to 30 hours per month in order to cover the necessary work.

7. General Parish Matters

- **Village Hall** – Future utilisation for Parish Council office. – This has been agreed in principle. Revised quotes are awaited for the refurbishment work. Liaison with the Village Hall Chairman Ceri Idris-Evans and the Future Chairman (Nick Ericson) are on-going. This remains an important step to take though less urgent now.
- **Allotments –** In respect of Plot 5B the Clerk has written to the Tenant suggesting a contribution of £50 towards the hire of the skip (which was offered verbally to Cllr Anne Ward) and offered to re-instate the tenancy on payment of the £10 rent for the year 2026-27. To-date nothing has been heard from the Tenant. The cost of the skip was £303 (excl. VAT).
- **Churchyard** – It has been reported that IdVerde are no longer based at the Manor Farm Business Park. However, we have not perceived any change in service, are received any notification of such from IdVerde.

Footpaths and Open Spaces
Footpath Reports from Councillors are due and have been received by Cllr. Anne Ward?

9. Highway Matters

Area TRO Review Process - For minor parking restriction requests – To Confirm Parish has no items for inclusion this year.Midford Road/Village
RADAR Speed Signs progress report - The grant from the Ward Councillors Empowerment Fund (WCEF) of £350 has been received. The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust grant was for £5,0000. So a total of £5,350. The RADAR signs cost £4,242, and additional mounting brackets are £100. A total cost of £4,342, leaving a balance of £1,008.
Discussions continue with B&NES Highways in respect of installations of the signage and Village Gates.
Cross Keys Junction to the bend and junction with Old Midford Road – Issues have been discussed with B&NES Highways.
Weeds on pavement B3110 Hinton Charterhouse thru Midford to South Stoke was reported by Neil Butters. Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley has requested B&NES Highways address the matter, it not being within our Parish and on a very dangerous section of road.

10. B&NES Matters

Parishes Liaison Meeting – Next Meeting Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – To include West of England Combined Authority on the new bus services launching in July.

11 Correspondence Received

B&NES Climate & Nature Strategy Survey 2026 – Councillor Ned Garnett has responded to this and it has been widely circulated via the WhatsApp groups.

13. Dates for Future Meetings – To confirm Council meeting dates for the forthcoming year
Wednesday 9th September 2026 – 7:15 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th November 2026 – 7:15 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th January 2027 – 7:15 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting – Budget & Precept
Wednesday 10th March 2027 – 7:15 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th April 2027 – 7:30 p.m. – Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 12th May 2027 – 7:15 p.m. – Annual Parish Council Meeting