

Clerk's report July 2025

Financial-

- AGAR- The paperwork has been completed and the internal audit signed off by K King. All paperwork and documentation has been submitted and notice placed for public view.
- The approved Build back better funding of £1048.20 will be paid in to the Parish bank account in July 2025.
- GCC has issued the legal notification for speed limit changes on the lower lanes and invoiced the amount requested of £3048.00 towards the 20MPH scheme. An amount of £2000 was agreed and has been allocated to reserves for the remainder of the balance. The PC will need to approve this payment through a majority vote.
- Following budget allocation of funding of £400 towards training, I would like to request to booking in FILCA and ILCA training through the SLCC. These are the prerequisite courses to the CILCA professional qualification. Cost of £144 per course which are based online.

Information-

- The Playground inspection was carried out in the last week of June 2025. The report has now been received and distributed to the PC. Any repairs required will be quoted for approval by the PC through email over the summer. It would be helpful for a PC volunteer to review the report.
- The new PC website is now live. The old website contains all AGAR information it is a requirement for the documents are placed on the named website on the AGAR paperwork.
- The tree planting plan has been completed by Cllr R Thomas and can now be put on the website with PC approval.
- Cllr S King and Cllr G Taylor have volunteered to attend the Parish and Town Council Seminar on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

Correspondence-

- Correspondence has been received from a Parish resident regarding item 18 on the agenda.

Received- 9.07.2025 – 3:41pm.

'Dear Clerk

Following the recent discussions regarding the future of the Minsterworth play area, I would like to make some comments as below.

I regularly use the play area with my granddaughter. She loves to explore the area and we get to spend quality time together. Parking is available and convenient, and we are able to combine play with a walk along the river bank. We find the area safe and quiet. All in all this is an ideal amenity and is in exactly the right place.

In contrast, a play area at the village hall would not have the same attractions. There would be no opportunity to combine with a walk along the river, it would require us to cross the very busy road, it is noisy and we would worry about disturbing any private events on the village hall lawn, such as weddings etc.

For these reasons I would be unable to support any proposal to move the play area from its current location.

Incidentally, I was surprised to see that this item was discussed at the PC meeting because it did not appear to have been on the agenda. ‘

- Correspondence has been received from a Parish resident regarding item 13 on the agenda.

Received - Mon 7/14/2025 4:38 PM

Hi Kate

Are you able to send me a copy of the results of the VDS survey carried out recently please?

I'm concerned by the agenda item to 'endorse' the statement when there is a real disconnect with the village over the results of the survey? The last VDS we carried out was an expensive, time consuming waste of time and effort.

I don't support the idea of a new one but more importantly I'm concerned about the results of the survey not being representative of the entire village, how many respondents & from how many properties in all? Why all the secrecy.

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Received-

Dear Minsterworth Parish Council

I am aware that there are often agenda items regarding grass cutting around the village and that there are budgetary constraints to be aware of, nevertheless, would the Council please consider having work done around the bus stop opposite the The Harvey Centre. There are weeds, brambles and tall grass around the pavement and roadside areas as well as the bus shelter itself, which is a safety hazard and makes access quite difficult. The amount of work is not great but it would make a lot of difference for those who use the bus service, particularly for those with mobility difficulties. In addition it may encourage others to use the very good bus service we enjoy in the village.

Thank you for your considerations.