

**Clerk Report – April 2025**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / DATES FOR DIARY**

**Next Parish Council Meeting** – Wednesday 11th June @ 7pm – Meeting Room at Village Hall

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Tuesday 13th May at 7pm

**HBBC Parish Forum** – Thursday 19th June **-**6:30-9pm, Location TBC

**HBBC Parish Forum** – Tuesday 16th September **-**6:30-9pm - Location TBC

**APRIL UPDATES**

* **Audit 2024–2025**
The internal audit for 2024–25 is now complete and will be presented for resolution at the May Parish Council meeting.
* **Proposed Care Home**
Four residents have contacted the Clerk seeking further information about the proposed care home, including access to the Neighbourhood Plan and contact details for Parish Councillors.
* **Allison Homes – Resident Complaint**
A resident reported issues with large HGVs blocking Main Street while attempting to access the Allison Homes development. In response, the Clerk, in liaison with Cllr Lambert, contacted Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC), who confirmed that a traffic management plan has still not been agreed.
* **Allotments**
All invoices for the 2024–25 allotment year have been issued.
Vehicle access invoices have also been circulated, with payments currently pending.
One tenancy termination at St John’s Community Centre allotments resulted in a significant amount of waste needing removal before a new tenant could take over the plot. The cost of clearance was £400 to the Council. Two new tenants have since joined under the recently introduced deposit scheme, designed to encourage plot maintenance.
* **Community Woodland Benches**
New benches have been installed near the community woodland, adjacent to the existing footpath.
* **PCIF Grant – Community Cinema**
The Council has been formally awarded a £5,059 PCIF grant for the Community Cinema project. A new projector, screen, and sound system will be installed in the Main Hall within the next two weeks.
* **VE Celebrations Grant – HBBC**

The Council were successful in applying for a grant of £300 to pay for the free VE80 Afternoon Lunch offered to Stanton under Bardon residents.

* **Meeting Room Refurbishment**
The new conference table and Smart TV have been installed, completing the refurbishment of the rear Meeting Room.
* **Trade Waste Bin – Ongoing Vandalism**
The lock on the trade waste bin outside the Main Hall has been broken for the third time. The bin remains unsecured, and the handyman will be asked to fit a more robust lock and chain.
* **Village Hall – Maintenance and Services**
Recent works at the Village Hall include the repair of three rear car park lights and an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR). An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) assessment is scheduled for 6th May.