

Clerks Report for Meeting on 16th September 2025

Subgroup & Committee Updates

Finance & Risk Working Group – I will be arranging an FRWG meeting soon to start preparing next year's budget.

Snowdrop Valley Committee – There is a Snowdrop Valley Committee Meeting being held at 6.30pm before the Parish Council Meeting on the 16th of September.

Further details on agenda items

25/110 ii) I have contacted the Traffic Engineer, Kate Brown, regarding this and she sent the following information:

"I do not believe that this stretch of road would meet the Department for Transport criteria for a 30mph limit and would not be supported by the police.

This is a rural road and as such has the national speed limit along it, however due to the rural nature of the road the average speeds on our database are between 30 – 40mph with some speeds reaching late 40's during evening periods.

If you feel there has been a spate of recent speeding issues above the current speed limit, then it may be worth contacting the local police to carry out some enforcement in the area as they have the powers to do this."

25/112 iii) The external auditor report has now been completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP for the 2024/25 AGAR documents, and they said the following:

"On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met."

Other Updates

An amendment to the business unit rental lease has now been signed by the tenant with the addition of the lean to, and the new updated payments have now started.

From the 6th of July, Sum Up have added a 2.5% fee to their QR code payments. This charge is taken off before any payment is added to our bank account. For example, if someone donates £1, then £0.97 will be added into our account. We still get a few electronic payments come through for toilet donations, so I think it is still worth keeping it in there.