

Parish Clerk & RFO Report April 2026

CWPC Meeting 3rd March 2026

Minute #3045/2526: The Clerk is to arrange for the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society account to be closed, to open a 35-Day Notice account with Redwood Bank and to transfer £10K from the Unity Trust Bank Instant Access account

A 35-Day Business Savings account has been opened with Redwood Bank @3.80%.

£10k has been withdrawn from the Unity Trust Bank Instant Access account and deposited into the Redwood Bank account.

Notice has been given to close the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society 90-Day Notice account. From the 2nd June 2026, there will be a 14-day window during which I will confirm the closure of the account and request a final balance withdrawal; these funds will then be deposited into the new Redwood Bank savings account.

Minute #3045/2526: The Clerk is to research the lifespan of a defibrillator

Online research shows that the life expectancy of a defibrillator is ten to fifteen years; consumables such as batteries and pads will need replacing during this lifetime.

CWPC Meeting 7th April 2026: AGENDA ITEMS

7 iv. Standing Orders

A review has been carried out; no changes have been made.

7 v. Financial Regulations

A review has been carried out; no changes have been made.

7 vi. Insurance Renewal

The insurance renewal becomes/became due on 4th April 2026; the renewal premium will be £1,267.85. There is a slight increase on the initial premium quoted (£12); staff costs are taken into account which have increased due to the uplift in PAYE liabilities introduced by Government. 2026/27 is the last year of the Long-Term Undertaking which ends 3rd April 2027.

To be recorded, the Parish Council received a Freedom of Information request asking, a) how many parish council meetings we have held since May 2021, broken down by calendar year and b) at how many parish council meetings County Councillor Christopher Hudson has been in attendance in each calendar year since and including 2021.

The request was sent to Belstead, Burstall, Copdock & Washbrook, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Pinewood and Sproughton Parish Councils.

Stile replacement gate number 1 has been sponsored and payment has been received; a dedication plaque has been ordered.

It has been heartwarming to hear how the new accessible gates are making a difference to parishioners. For one person, who would walk as far as gate number 1, stop and take in the view, they can now pass through the gate to carry on walking a full and lengthy circuit.

Sue Frankis, Clerk to the Parish of Copdock & Washbrook