

Parish Clerk & RFO Report August 2026

CWPC Meeting 7 July 2026

Minute #3143/2627 Achilles Licence Renewal 2026/27

The draft Licence has been forwarded to Achilles FC with an invite to renew.

The draft Licence now includes a clause 3.18: *The Licensee shall be responsible for ensuring the safety of play on the pitch(es), including weather-related risks by undertaking the necessary risk assessment. All games are played at the Licensee's own risk.*

Minute #3144/2627 Letter from Resident re the Removal of the Basketball Hoop at the Recreation Field

A letter has been sent to the resident in response to their letter of complaint, advising them why the hoop had been removed due to safety concerns, and that it has since been reinstated in a much safer location.

The Parish Council is due to receive an invoice for £60 for the works.

Minute #3148/2627 Textile Recycling Bin, Village Hall

A request has been made to Babergh District Council asking that the textile recycling bin at the Village Hall be removed.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee has been advised of the request together with an acknowledgement that all revenue from textile recycling will now go to the Village Hall.

OTHER MATTERS

1) **Flagpole** A SCC Street Furniture Licence is now in place for the flagpole at the bus stop island. The matter was picked up by a SCC Inspector.

2) **Babergh DC** having previously been notified of the removal of 4 no. waste bins, 2 no. of which were replaced with dual waste bins, haven't made the amendments when invoicing us for the 2026/27 charges.

I continue to await a revised invoice.

3) **Redwood Bank**

The interest rate on the 35-Day Notice Account (Issue 15) - Annual Interest – has again been changed. We were previously advised it will be changing from 3.80% to 3.65% with effect from 17 August 2026 but this to be reduced again to 3.40% with effect from 1 September 2026.

4) **Allotment Waters Rates**

I've recently become aware that as a business rates customer we have the option to 'shop around' for the best deal (unlike residential customers). I'm now in the process of researching the options.

Sue Frankis, Clerk to the Parish of Copdock & Washbrook