

Hindringham Parish Council

Clerks Report for Meeting 21 July 2026:

A B Texel: I have not received a response regarding the lorries using a “one way” system.

Item 8 Play Inspection

8.1 The ROSPA inspection carried out in June 2026 highlighted some issues.

Based on the RoSPA Annual Playground Inspection dated 29 June 2026, here's a professional report suitable for inclusion in a Parish Council agenda pack.

Priority Actions

1. Timber Resistance Testing

- Arrange specialist resistance penetration testing on:
 - Toddler Swing
 - Junior Swing
 - Junior Multiplay Unit

The inspector was unable to determine the internal condition of the timber posts and recommends specialist testing to identify any hidden decay.

2. Junior Multiplay Unit

The following works are recommended:

- Replace decayed timber on the incline balance beam.
- Secure the loose ramp foothold log.
- Tighten the loose grab handhold.
- Clean algae from the equipment.
- Maintain and assess the impact surfacing beneath the overhead ladders and climbing net.
- Arrange testing to confirm the grass mat surfacing meets current head injury criteria.

3. Toddler Swing

- Replace butterfly shackles with EN1176 compliant rounded fixings.
- Continue monitoring timber splits and sand any splintered areas as required.
- Follow the manufacturer's maintenance guidance for the single-post support structure.

4. Junior Swing

- Clean algae from the timbers.
- Monitor timber splits and sand any splintered edges.
- Arrange testing to confirm the impact surfacing remains suitable.

5. Rabbit Rocker

- Secure the rotating hand grips.

6. MUGA / Basketball Wall

- Install the required safety signage.
- Remove vegetation from cracks and repair cracked concrete surface.
- Monitor deterioration of the basketball backboard.
- Clean algae from the timbers.

General Observations

- Several pieces of equipment have grass mats sitting approximately **70 mm below the surrounding grass level**. Although these are currently acceptable in some locations, RoSPA recommends impact testing where the free fall height may exceed the performance of natural grass.

9. Finances

9.2 Bank Reconciliation for May and June has been circulated to Councillors.

10. Sam 2 Speed Signage

Details of costs and different speeds signs are included in the brochure from Westcotec. However, at present it is unknown whether there will be a grant from Parish Partnership to bid for 50% of the costs for any highway infrastructure.

11. Hedges and Footpaths

To update from Highways regarding any hedges and footpaths which are overgrown and need reporting to Highways. Letter had been sent on the 12 June 2026 from Highways to the landowner regarding hedge encroaching on road on the bend near the Church.

12 Church Tower

To update on the Church Tower. Councillors are to consider once the inspection has been carried out on the staircase, to instruct the clock engineer to inspect and service the clock. It will be necessary for the engineer to disconnect the mechanism that chimes the bell as it is not considered safe to strike the bell.

13 Vacant Seat

There is still one seat remaining on the Parish Council. This can be advertised again in the newsletter and also on the noticeboard/website if Councillors approve.