



# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Report

15/05/2026

## Full Council

### Clerk's Report- Appendix 26/014

#### 1 Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway

The lease with Englefield has been signed and the Council's part has been returned to the solicitors' office. Ongoing correspondence has taken place between SMPC and James Gardiner regarding legal arrangements for the Wokefield section of the Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath & Cycleway project. Discussions have focused on the use of a Section 30 Highways Act 1980 agreement as an alternative to a lease arrangement. Freeths Solicitors have been consulted and revised Heads of Terms are being considered, with a view to enabling works to proceed, subject to legal advice and agreement.

#### 2 Playground equipment

The annual ROSPA inspection has been completed and will be reviewed by the Estate Management Committee at its next meeting. No high-risk items have been identified. The annual inspection of the Titan's bearings has also been completed, and the equipment has been deemed safe.

#### 3 Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor will visit the office on Thursday 21 May to undertake the year-end internal audit. The report will be shared with Council once completed and will form part of the annual AGAR submission.

#### 4 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 27 April, was well attended by members of the parish. Speakers from West Berkshire Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Steering Group, and the Chairman of the Council were all well received. The Chairman of the Community Committee presented the Community Grant Award and the winners of the photography competition. The minutes will be circulated once completed and reviewed by the Chairman of the Council.

#### 5 District/Parish Council Meeting

The slides from the Annual District/Parish Conference have been circulated.

#### 6 Parish Council Logo

The new Parish Council logo has been circulated.