

CLERK'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

Mickleton Parish Council (MPC)
Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)
Cotswold District Council (CDC)
Andy O'Neill (AON)
Chris Cottam (CC)
Kevin Fletcher (KF)
Jerry Arnull (JA)
Mike Brain (MB)
Phil Britt (PB)
Anna Scott (AS)
County Councillor Tom Bradley (TB)
District Councillor Gina Blomefield (GB)
District Councillor Tom Stowe (TS)
Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils (GALC)

MATTERS ARISING

Website

Please send website blurb (MB) and a photo and blurb (PB) to the clerk. This was also highlighted in the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) report.

MB/PB

Training

AON to identify new date for 'Being a better councillor' training.

Newly co-opted councillors to identify their training dates and send to the clerk who is required to do the booking (booking process is GALC policy).

MB/PB/AS

A reminder for councillors to liaise regarding the removal of tree lights on the plantation.

CC/KF

An application to the Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund (£977 towards the solar lighting system for the bus shelters on Stratford Road) was applied for and endorsed by TB. This is being processed.

A step in the churchyard is to be fixed, approved by the clerk and chairman as per Financial Regulations. The church confirmed that no faculty was needed. Cost: £620.

The storage box at the games area has been installed and equipment put in. UV treatment will be applied in due course.

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Following the chairman's resignation, this vacancy will be filled by election if a request from 10 local government electors for the parish is received within 14 working days of the date of the CDC notice, which has been published on the website and noticeboards. The request must be received by 23 April 2026. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 29 June 2026. If 10 signatures are not received by the date given, MPC may fill the vacancy by co-option. MPC has four vacancies for councillor seats.

The outgoing chairman's email and business banking access has been removed as standard, along with NEST access. Keys have been returned.

I am pleased to announce that MPC has earned the Bronze level Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) award, which promotes high standards in parish and town councils by recognising excellence in governance, community engagement and service delivery. MPC will issue more information on the website and social media in coming weeks.

The Head of Communications at CDC sent MPC a letter from the Minister for Housing and Planning in response to their response to the CDC housing targets, which MPC contributed to.

Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GALC) formally transitioned to Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils (GALC) on 1 April 2026.

ROSPA safety checks of the community games area and the junior playing field equipment has been completed, and reports will be circulated once received.

Gate panels at the new cemetery are damaged, these are with the contractor to repair.

Councillor Cottam responded personally to a request to provide branded hi-vis jackets to the litter pickers, who were very grateful.

The speed camera may be damaged as there has been no signal since 19 March and the device has not recharged since it was put back into position. It is being collected and sent to Autospeedwatch for evaluation.

MPC responded to the government's consultation document regarding Local Government Reorganisation in Gloucestershire and gave its responses to GAPTC (now GALC).

Some additional items which were posted on MPC's website/Facebook page:

CDC's Local plan update

Annual parish assembly

Roadworks have been updated