

CLERK REPORT: AUGUST 2026

A vacancy notice was posted on the website and in noticeboards on 17 July regarding the resignation of Councillor Mike Brain. No local government electors came forward so no election will take place, and Mickleton Parish Council can continue to co-opt to fill vacancies: currently five empty seats and only six members of the electorate who are councillors.

CDC has confirmed it has removed councillors' addresses from its website after a change in law from 29 June 2026. Unfortunately this ran over schedule, but MPC was informed that the redaction of councillors' addresses was completed on 4 August 2026.

PKF Littlejohn, the external auditor, requested information from the internal auditor who had not completed their form correctly. This information was returned to PKF Littlejohn as 'human error by the internal auditor'.

The Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) contacted MPC regarding the new digital Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) portal, as part of the transition to the new digital process. EFL can confirm MPC has now been registered for this service.

The youth shelter and swings at the junior playing field/Victory Memorial Field have been painted, which was paid for thanks to funding the council received, and an article is on the website.

The games area skateboard ramps have also been painted.

Information Commissioners Office data protection fee has been renewed at reduced price of £47 for direct debit payment.

The Autospeedwatch annual data package has been renewed.

Two defibrillators have been ordered to replace machines at The Leasows and village shop. Both cabinets will also be replaced.

Bus shelter lighting is booked in to be replaced this weekend. MPC received a grant of £977 from GCC towards this cost.

Grants have been advertised, and two grant applications have been received so far, to be circulated once the deadline of 12 September closes. MPC has had to ask for clarification regarding one application, and is awaiting a response.

No consecration update at present, this is with the Gloucestershire diocese. MPC has been informed of delays due to illness.

Winter updates: salt allocation email received from Highways 17.08.26. MPC to confirm requirements.

Website updates included:

Games area closure following Met Office red weather warning

Article about the successful sports day event

Pictures of the planters in the village

Grants advertised

Painting of park equipment

Local Plan information, including a meeting to be held in Mickleton

Items circulated to councillors included:

CDC: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding (strategic infrastructure) closes on 31st October 2026.

GCC: Community Climate Adaptation Fund closes 30 September 2026

South Worcestershire planning update

CDC news: a Tree Preservation order was issued for land north of Tops nursery for 6 months from 08.07.26.

GCC news: Local Government Reorganisation: a government decision has been made to create a single unitary authority 'Gloucestershire Council, which will be effective from 1 April 2028.