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Clerk's Report

a) Highways

- Branston Bridge - The bridge remains on track to reopen on 10 July
- The Clerk contacted the PCSO Davina Hickman regarding the parking on the Church Rd junction

b) Correspondence

- The Staffordshire Playing Field Association confirmed Elford Parish Council would be reported as a new member in their next meeting on 18th June
- The Staffordshire Parish Council Association sent information regarding the end to government funding and support for neighbourhood plans
- Walton Homes have advised, the damaged white fence on the corner of the A513 is not their priority
- Lichfield District Council are unable to include the land in Elford in the haven for habitat project due to the fact it is currently owned by another authority
- Staffordshire FA sent an email regarding support available for local councils that have sports pitches
- Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd sent information on the Employment law updates
- The 2024/25 AGAR was sent to the external auditors on 12th June 2025
- The CIL annual report 2024/25 was sent to Lichfield District Council on 10th June 2025
- The SCC highways Liaison officer was contacted 12th June regarding the kerb issue on Church Road, this was also chased up 26th June
- Lichfield District Council sent a letter regarding the Local Government Reorganisation
- Staffordshire Parish Councils Association sent information regarding training courses available
- Staffordshire Schools MAT and The Howard School have sent a letter of gratitude to the Parish Council for securing the funding with LDC and Tarmac for the playground refurbishment

c) Maintenance

- The basket swing in the playground has been repaired
- The Village Hall dog poo bin has been mended

d) Training

The Clerk has attended the following training courses since the last meeting:

- AGAR UK GDPR Compliance and Data Protection – breakthrough communications

e) **Election 2027**

As District councils are being abolished, there is concern amongst the sector that parish councils will have to fund 100% of their election costs. Varies by district, however some districts pay for the elections, and some pay a percent of the elections. In the next budget (2026/27) it must be taken into consideration that potentially 100% of the costs for the 2027 elections will be required to be paid by the Parish Council. They are statutory elections that will happen in 2027. The next 2 budgets must account for the elections, ideally with an earmarked reserve for Election costs.

f) **126 Tax Reclaim**

A tax reclaim for £651.48 has been submitted in July 2025 for the timeframe February – June 2025.

Please see Activity Tracker attached for further information.