

## Clerk's Additional Report

7 April 2026

### 1. Update on road safety initiatives

#### Community Speedwatch

The group continues to conduct sessions each week, subject to the weather and availability. Since the activity started, the group has recorded 476 motorists who were found to be traveling over the prescribed speed threshold. Details below:

Location	Speeders	Of speeders recorded, the maximum speed on a 30mph road is 56mph with the average speed being 39mph. The maximum speed was recorded on Collinswood Road. The maximum speed on a 40mph road is 52mph with the average speed being 49mph. The maximum speed was recorded on Parish Lane.
Beaconsfield Road	4	
Beeches Road	3	
Collinswood Road	413	
Farnham Lane	22	
One Pin Lane	31	
Parish Lane	1	
Templewood Lane	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	In addition, we have been notified that seven of the vehicles reported did not have a MOT, six were not taxed and one had a statutory off road notification (SORN).

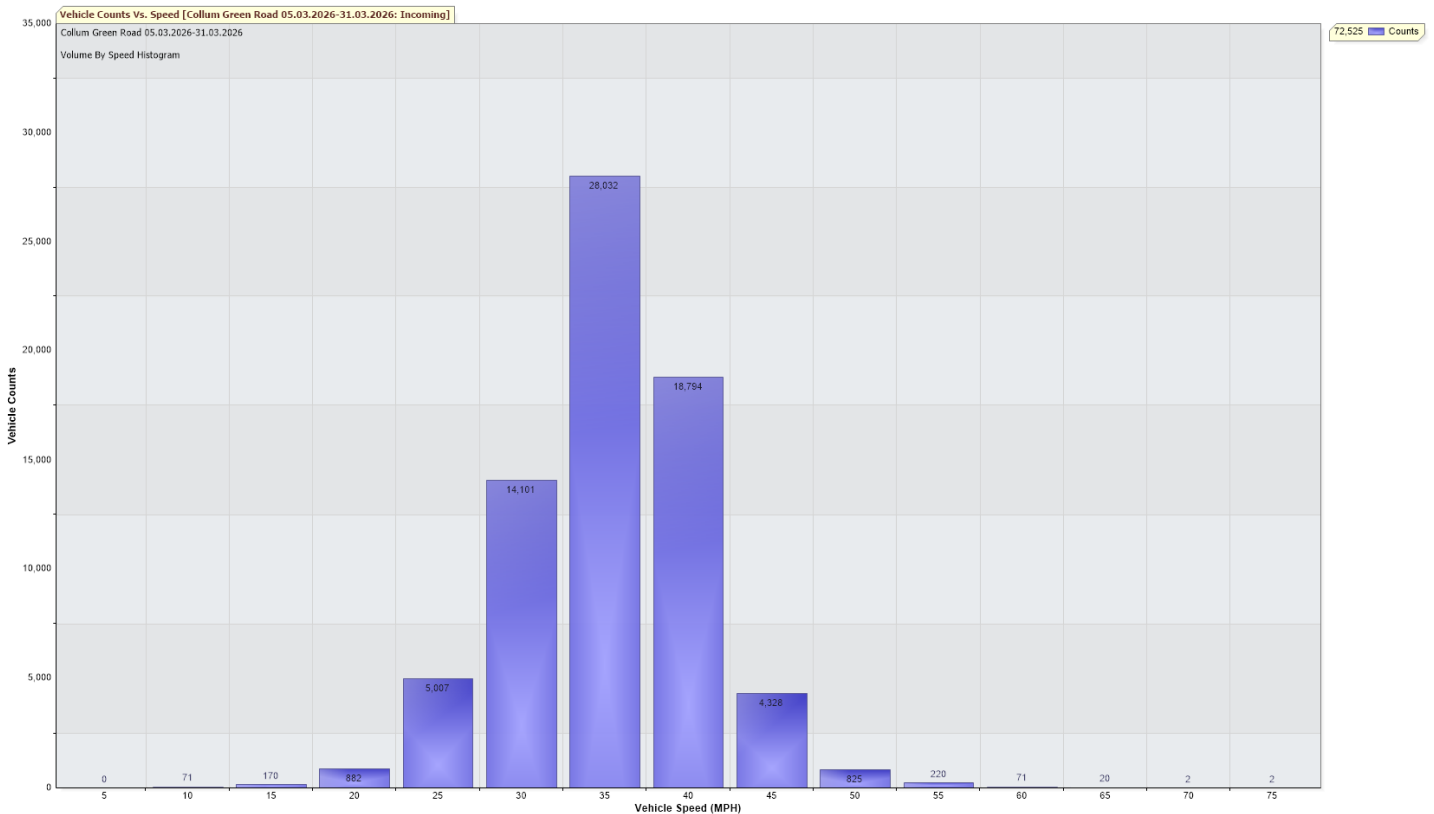
In addition, 10 motorists have been reported for offensive behaviour.

Since the last parish council meeting, sessions have been held in Collinswood Road.

#### Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

Both signs continue to move around the approved sites within the parish. The latest data download is below.

#### Collum Green Road (40mph) – 5 March 2026 to 31 March 2026



Maximum Speed: 75mph at 6.05am

Average Speed: 32.74mph

## 2. St Mary's Churchyard

The Crematoria & Cemeteries Service Manager at Buckinghamshire Council has advised that she has now heard back from the legal team at Buckinghamshire Council and will review their advice and come back to me in the next couple of weeks.

## 3. Request for a Commemorative Bench

Siblings from a family who grew up in Farnham Common have advised that they would like to install a memorial bench to their parents. They have already approached St John's Church and Burnham Beeches but nothing progressed so they have asked the Parish Council if another location is possible. Would parish councillors like to suggest suitable locations, in line with the Parish Council's policy (a copy of which has been sent to the family)?

## 4. Little Free Libraries

I am advised that a concern raised by many of the wards at the South East Bucks Community Board was library opening hours, as well as general literacy and access to books, especially for those on lower-incomes particularly as this year is the National Year of Reading.

The Community Board therefore started a project - Little Free Libraries. In essence, a Little Free Library *is a "take a book, share a book"* free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favourite books with their community. The Board's vision is Little Free Libraries scattered throughout our communities, and a book for every reader, not limited by time, space, or privilege. This project will ensure equitable access to reading materials, foster community engagement, and provide a sustainable solution to the growing literacy gap.

The Community Board would like to situate Little Free Libraries around the parish, one in Farham Common and one in Farnham Royal.

I have just received confirmation from the Board that they have secured funding for the Libraries and they have therefore asked whether the Parish Council would like them freestanding or with a post attached so they can be staked into the ground. It is now time therefore to decide where they should go.

## 5. Playgrounds Maintenance

- Farnham Common Playground

A resident reported that one of the pieces of equipment at the playground was broken. I asked the contractor to attend to make the equipment safe and I contacted the supplier to arrange a replacement part. The cost of the replacement part was £75.70 including delivery and should be despatched shortly.

- Farnham Royal Playground

The Head Groundsman at Farnham Park Playing Fields reported that the gate to the toddler play area was missing. I reported this to the contractor and they advised that the gate required a new hanging post, which I asked them to install in order to rehang the gate.

## 6. Update on 2025/26 projects

- Woodland Management Plan Work

The first phase at Boundary Copse was completed by Amersham Town Council at the end of March 2026 and on 2 April 2026 Katherine Damsell and I visited the site to review the work. We are pleased to report that there is a big improvement with wider paths around the copse and great visibility. It took six men to carry out the work with lots of rubbish collected including some drug paraphernalia. It is envisaged that the second phase will commence in September 2026, after bird nesting season. The Burnham Beeches Community Rangers continue to help with the project.

- Dropped Kerb at Spring Lane in Farnham Royal

Clive Robinson has provided further reasoning for prioritising this location over others and I have reported this to the Project Manager at Buckinghamshire Highways. I am waiting for a response.

- Traffic Calming in Farnham Common and Farnham Royal

Buckinghamshire Highways have completed their site visits and have advised that measures previously reported can be implemented subject to the following amendments to address issues identified during the visits.

Collinswood Road, Farnham Common –

- The proposed gates are to be located further north than originally planned – this eliminates potential visibility issues

for motorists egressing 'Collinswood House' or 'Farm Cottage' accesses; and enables 2.0 metre wide gates to be installed on both sides of the road due to wider verges. The new location is [here](#) – approximately 120 metres north of the 'Collinswood House' access.

- To accommodate the new larger yellow backed '30' mph speed limit signs, extensions will need to be added to the existing posts [here](#). Although this will increase costs, it is anticipated that this will be covered within the 10% contingency allowed for in the estimate.

Park Road, Farnham Royal

- The proposed nearside gate will need to be located slightly to the left of the post bearing the '30' mph speed limit sign [here](#) so that it will not obscure / hide pedestrians waiting to cross Park Road.

Buckinghamshire Highways have now submitted a works package to Balfour Beatty Living Places for a formal quotation.

I am still waiting to hear back from Buckinghamshire Highways regarding the potential new MVAS site on Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Common northbound carriageway just south of Kennedy Close.

## **7. Farnham Common Defibrillator**

The defibrillator cabinet on the wall of Ashford Kitchens and Interiors has now been moved in front of the fence erected by the landlord of the Stag and Hounds Public House so is again available for public use.