

The Parish Council received a Resignation Letter from Joanne Raff on the afternoon of Thursday 8 June. As some of you know, Joanne has resigned from both her role as Youth Worker as well as The Youth Club Project to renovate the Pavilion building on the Recreation Ground.

The Parish Council acknowledges the great work that Joanne has done with young people over the last 10 years – she worked so hard to give them many wonderful opportunities to experience activities, as well as encouraging them to build their confidence and skills.

The Pavilion has been a difficult project. Jo committed many hours to the building and the garden. She, and the team, carried out a major transformation of the building, raising funds and getting donations of furniture and equipment.

The Parish Council wishes Joanne and her family all the very best for the future and thanks her for her time, energy and contribution to our village.

What happens next:

- • The Youth Club will continue to operate until the end of July
- • The Parish Council will:
  - o Meet with the Youth Club Committee to discuss the next steps for the Youth Club
  - o Seek information and advice from relevant Youth Work Organisations
  - o Keep residents informed of discussions and progress via the website, The Bridge, Facebook
  - o Set up a mailing list for those residents who wish to be kept updated on the Youth Club or The Pavilion Project
  - o Encourage ideas and suggestions about the next steps for both the Youth Club and The Pavilion Project - residents can speak to Parish Councillors or email their ideas and questions to [enquiries@higham-kent-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@higham-kent-pc.gov.uk)
  - o Update on progress via an Agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting – on Monday 26 June 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
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