

Clerk's Report

Monday 6th September 2021

2. Apologies To receive apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest To include signing of Acceptance of Office and Declaration forms by Cllr Davis.

4. Minutes. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 2nd August 2021 and of the meetings of the Planning sub -committee held on 9th August 2021 and 23rd August 2021.

5. Open Forum

6. Matters Arising

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Update from Andrew Pett

2. Bin Rota – N Ginn

3. Bench on the playing field – To consider costs of installation.

4 .Damage to Lych Gate – Update

Response from HDC Planning

'Further to our telephone conversation today, I can confirm that from the information given; repairing the gate latch and the few damaged cobbles and tiles in relation to St Bartholomew's Church, and replacing with like for like, will not require planning permission or Listed Building Consent, as the work is very small in nature and is likely to be covered under an ecclesiastical exemption'.

7. Play Equipment Report from working group

Previously circulated to Councillors:

Report from Working Group

8. Clerk's Financial Statement. For August 2021 and Budget Review.

Previously circulated to Councillors:

Financial Report August 2021

Budget Review August 2021

9. Cheques/Payments for Approval.

Previously circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for September 2021

10. Highways. Any repairs or maintenance.

11. Correspondence

1. LHI Bid 2022/23

The deadline for submitting an LHI application is midnight on **Thursday 30th September 2021**

2. Signage at the Pond – To reconsider the request for signage at the pond.

'Is it possible to get some signs put up at the pond, warning cars going each way about the ducks and moorhens. In the last 2 months I've picked up 2 moorhens, 4 ducks and lost a whole brood of chicks. Thanks'

Examples can be found at:

https://starttraffic.uk/wild-fowl-likely-in-road-ahead-post-mount-sign-dia-551.2?language=en¤cy=GBP&campaign=10019014016&content=434540750156&keyword=&gclid=CjwKCAjwuvvmHBhAxEiwAWAYj-Niklf7bZqMvCo6As889GXbDW6ALeCvJMlyJp6bitXeXPEY74OxpXhoCq3cQAvD_BwE

3. Phone Box – Request for adoption and proposed change of use.

'A Parish can adopt a box for £1 and then the village can turn it into a useful feature. I did think of a little book swap, and even a little notice board of sorts if that would fit. The list is endless with what could be added, maybe a memorial wall, where names can be added from the village of whom we would like to remember .. might not work but just a little personal touch for some I guess. Just thinking out loud! The box would need some small shelves fitted and a lick of paint, but I am sure the villagers would like to help - We can try and raise funds for it'.

Previously circulated to Councillors:

Adopt a kiosk brochure

<https://business.bt.com/campaigns/communities/adopt-a-kiosk/>

4. Information Sign at the Windmill – Request from LGPC

'As you are aware, Little Gransden Parish Council is working on a Project that proposes to purchase and install Information Signs around the historical parts of our village. Within this project, we have allocated funds for a relevant sign and its installation by the Windmill. I am sure you will agree with me that even though, in GG, the Windmill is also an important feature of LG. Indeed, it can be said that it is one main historical character that our two parishes have worked closely and collaboratively to preserve.

Essentially, we wish to ask your council for your blessing(!) and permission to install the Information Sign Board (a lectern about 45x50 cms) by the Windmill. We shall also ask that the location for it is decided by the Windmill Trust as they see it fit. Once completed, we are also intent on running by your council its content and related images before it is made into a lectern.

I would be most grateful if you could consider this matter and agree for it to proceed. We shall ensure to mention on the sign, your collaboration and assistance’.

5. Crown and Cushion – reopening Enquiry

‘I am very concerned that the local pub, The Crown and Cushion may not re-open and personally I think this is an extremely important village asset. This was announced on Touchbase this evening. Communities will often congregate around a well-run pub, providing a welcoming meeting place and hub for locals.

I do not believe that letting this valuable local asset disappear without village consultation, should be allowed to happen.

I am not sure what, if anything can be done, however I would like to register my concerns.

If you have advice as to where I can make this an official concern, then please can you direct. My concern is that with no one mentioning the closure of the Crown and Cushion, the pub will fadeaway without anyone noticing. This in my opinion, and of those villagers that I have spoken to, would be a great shame.

I hope there is something we can do to encourage The Crown and Cushion to reopen’.

12. Planning

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 21/01693/FUL

Erection of a single, 4 bedroom dwelling with attendant access and landscaping work.

Land Adjacent To The North West Of 43 Mill Road Great Gransden

<http://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

13. Review of Caretaker Contract

This item will be closed to the public.