

Clerk's Report

Monday 7th March 2022

2. Apologies To receive apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 7th February 2022

5. Open Forum

6. Matters Arising

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Update from Cllr King

2. Future Funding for Playground Area – Update from Cllr Davis

3. Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – cost of specimen tree & circular bench

To consider the cost of suggestions put forward to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.
Previously circulated to Councillors: Report compiled by the clerk

4. LHI Bid 2022/23 – update by Cllr Catmur

5. Bedford to Cambridge Cycleway – report by Cllr Ginn

Follow the link:

<https://gamlingay-future.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Gamlingay-Cycleway-Improvement-Plan-Final.pdf>

6. EWR Representative Group – report by Cllr Catmur on the first meeting

7. Recruitment of Replacement Clerk

To further discuss recruitment of a replacement Clerk/RFO from March 2022

8. Sportsfield Grass Cutting

To consider the arrangements for 2022 and agree the appointment of a contractor

Quotations were requested from 3 contractors.

Previously circulated to Councillors: Quote Document

9. Date of May Meeting

To consider an alternative date for the May meeting due to a clash of dates.

10. Clerk's Financial Statement For February 2022 and Budget Review.

*Previously circulated to Councillors: Financial Report February 2022
Budget Review February 2022*

11. Cheques/Payments for Approval

Previously circulated to Councillors: Full List of Payments for March 2022

12. Highways. Revised arrangements for meeting with Highways Officer and any repairs or maintenance.

13. Correspondence

13.1 Great Gransden Litter Pick.

'Great Gransden January litter pick comprised, Caxton, Eltisley, Waresley and Meadow Roads is now complete.

*The volume and quality of the litter collected has increased, including **46 bin bags***

The litter collected included beer/larger/Red Bull cans & bottles, vodka bottles, plus a variety of others cans & Bottles. Of course we had McDonalds, KFCs and other food packaging etc etc. Also, car body parts, exhaust system, plastic bags, wrapping & packaging to mention just a few items

Thanks to our team of Des Merrill, Jane King, Glyn & Tricia Williams, Terry & Sue Curwell and Jon & Catherine Smith'

13.2 Mill Weir, water bailiff.

'I really need to do something with the pond, lots of line and hooks about which is a danger for the wildlife. I live in gamlingay now but if you could ask if I'm allowed to have a tidy up here that'd be great. If they'd like me to keep an eye on it too I'm fine with that. Many thanks.'

'I'm quite concerned to be honest. I already bailiff a lake in cambourne so I'm experienced, at mill wier I've found evidence of poaching too, the things these people leave lying around are quite dangerous for the public and the wildlife. I've attached a pic of the poaching static line I found the other day.'



13.3. Pedestrians along Meadow Road.

'Visiting the village on Monday 7th February I was driving home out of the village down Meadow Road I had left the village and looked at the road ahead, the straight run down to the main road there was nothing I could see on the road but as I started down the road all of a sudden there was a lady runner near the hedgerow which are just dark brown at the moment she was dressed in a dark blue top and dark leggings/joggers, nothing high viz, I saw her in time to give her some room but she held her hands up startled. This has upset me probably as it may have her, I don't consider Meadow Road a very safe road for runners it's one of the main roads into the village, I don't consider I was going too fast, I couldn't have been because I could take in the colours she was wearing I know if she had had something bright and highly visible on I would have seen her sooner than I did, runners should take the same responsibility as cyclists and make sure they can be seen. Maybe this could be noted so that runners and equally motorists don't have frightening upsetting situations like this.'

13.4. Agricole Oil, Group Village Rebate.

Information forwarded by Little Gransden Parish Council on behalf of Agricole Oil:

‘Please find attached the details of your village that have ordered oil with Agricole Oil in 2021. For everyone that has ordered over 1000l or above, the village receives £5 from Agricole Oil Ltd.

This year your rebate is: 5 x £5 = £25

Let me know where I can send your cheque.’

13.5. County Broadband

‘As you may be aware, County Broadband is an East Anglian based broadband provider. We specialise in connecting villages like yours to our network and deliver Hyperfast broadband with download speeds of up to 1GB/s to homes and businesses in your area.

Our sales team have been working around Cambridgeshire, analysing where there is a need for and interest in having a network build. I am happy to say that Great Gransden has been approved to have these works carried out. You may have noticed works for route proving, or indeed early civils works, may have already begun.

Part of our early process and learning from experience in earlier projects is to open up communication with the Parish council, provide detailed maps of our planned build, and being on hand to answer questions from both the Parish and Residents. We also want to ensure we have a solid understanding of any restrictions within the village such as land ownership, concerns for at risk residents, and benefit from the local knowledge that a Parish Council can provide.

As such, we are looking to book in an online, or in person meeting to discuss the project in your Village.’

And correspondence from resident

‘I refer to your notice 273.CP487 dated 28th January 2022 posted on the telegraph pole at the corner of Sand Road and East Street, Great Gransden.

I have been the owner of the property at((redacted) for nearly twenty eight years. If you had checked with HM Land Registry, put a letter through my letterbox or simply knocked on my door you could have determined this.

I would be most grateful if you would explain the purpose of your notice as the existing telegraph pole is placed between the public footpath and the boundary hedge of my property. I assume this means that any work you propose would therefore be outside the boundary and have little or no effect on my property.’

13.6. Tyres along Sand Road

‘I would like to raise two concerns for the attention of Great Gransden Parish Council concerning the tyres on the verge outside (redacted) Sand Road Industrial Estate and the fence panels leaning on this frontage.

It is my opinion that the tyres placed on the verge appear to be making a perimeter wall, and constitutes “dumping”. The fence panels are totally unsuitable in this countryside setting and cannot be acceptable.

Great Gransden is a very special village and unfortunately Sand Road is being turned into an “eyesore”.

It is good that a Highways Officer will walk the village but lets hope the council's own survey will put right this blight on the village.'

13.7. Help Shape HDC's Environment and Climate Change

Previously circulated to Councillors: Full letter

13.8. Commercial Use of Muga

'My house unfortunately backs onto the Muga. When this was a tennis court we had no concerns. The increased size of the Muga and the noise it generates when used is unacceptable. I am concerned that there has been no regard for residents who live around the Muga for the disturbance that it generates. We already suffer from the school allowing their pupils to plays on the field right up to our fence line and this is just one more inconsiderate act. We have accepted the noise from the muddy run, school sports day, school fete, where the microphones are set up to tell all of Gransden about the event, not just the attendees on the field, but to hear that the use of the Muga might increase is a major concern. I notice that you have had a request for commercial use of the Muga. I strongly object to any form of use never mind commercial. There is a sports field available which appears to be under utilised and is outside the village. I would suggest that Great Gransden focus on utilising this resource before creating or advocating use that would not be acceptable to the council members if it was outside their back garden. I would be grateful if you could send me the draft copy of the policy for commercial use of the Muga, and also send the relevant documents related to noise levels allowed in this general area, and how close to residential boundaries these events and activities can occur.'

14. Consultations

14.1. The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GGP): Parking Issues in Cambridge

Start date 21st Feb 2022

End date 21st March 2022

Please select the following link to view this event

<http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/ParkingSpring22>

15. Planning

15.1. Hayfield Homes Development, Sand Road, Great Gransden.

Light Pollution

Ongoing resident concerns:

'Prior to the council ignoring residents' interests, the whole village had ~17 street lights (2 of which are very close to the entrance to the new development). If your plans are implemented, the 85m stretch immediately alongside this new development will have between 5 - 8 street lights. How is this proportionate? How is this sensible? How is this democratic without residents on the opposite side of the screens - and therefore being inconvenienced- being consulted? How does this demonstrate the council has residents' needs at the core of what it does?

Madness?

Pls review and significantly revise down the numerous of street lights.'

Refusal of Application 21/01521/S73 (Variation of conditions C20)

Correspondence from HDC:

'As you will mostly be aware now , the above application was refused and therefore remains a breach of planning control. I have emailed Hayfield Homes to seek their next course of action in relation to any appeals they intend to make ahead of taking this the Planning Enforcement Forum on Thursday for discussion with the new interim planning services manager.

If Hayfield Homes make an appeal on the planning decision to the planning inspectorate, then this may delay any action we can take from planning enforcement. I will know further detail once I have heard from Hayfield Homes and spoken at the forum.

I will update you when I have a clearer picture of what to expect next.'

15.2. Erection of 38 custom/self build houses with roads, Potton Ltd, Eltisley Road.

Update provided by Cllr West:

'I understand there may be five show houses on the front of the site.

Kingspan submitted application putting value on the plot sale of over 12 million this figure proven to be over optimistic so the project been put on hold.

I understand new machinery is being moved onto the site to make the manufacturing process cheaper and make them more competitive

Therefore the project is on hold district council the local planning authority are encouraged to promote self build homes but the final say is Kingspan.'

**15.3. PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 22/00206/FUL
Agricultural Building**

Hardwick Farm Caxton Road Great Gransden

**15.4 PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 22/00223/LBC
Conversion and refurbishment of former agricultural buildings to provide four**

dwellings and associated development

Barns East Street Great Gransden

16. HR Committee Update

Confidential - This item will be closed to the public