

REPORT TO THE GREAT GRANSDEN PARISH COUNCIL 21ST APRIL 2022

Looking back over the year been difficult time for many residents with frontline services being more important, over the year council seeking to modernising and transforming to create more options for residents to access services.

Through district council 'One leisure 'centres will continue to offer residents across Huntingdonshire a value for money, well- equipped knowledgeable and professional hub for all of resident's leisure and well- being needs, invest in a service that offers all age groups the ability to work towards a healthier lifestyle whilst offering opportunities to try new activities.

Following on from last year the community chest grants to local community groups will continue to support the work of local voluntary organisations.

The council have adopted and will deliver the following realistic and pragmatic environmental principles for Huntingdonshire as part of an environmentally positive recovery following the impacts of COVID-19:

To target a net-zero carbon Huntingdonshire by 2040

To protect, enhance and restore existing natural areas and create new ones.

To ensure that new development should be designed with a view to minimising and mitigating the effects of climate change.

To ensure existing and new communities see real benefits in their well-being from living in Huntingdonshire.

To use natural resources wisely.

The program of planting at least 10,000 more trees all part of the Huntingdonshire tree strategy 2020 – 2030.

To further enhance Hinchbrooke Country Park to improve the service to residents and visitors, £3million investment programme including a new enlarged car park, new visitor facilities a sculpture trail, cycle route, new pathway network and play areas.

With partners to treble the size of Paxton Pits to 700 acres.

To continue to recycle by 2035 to reach government target of 65%

At the district council am member of the Licensing Committee, Corporate Governance committee, Overview and Scrutiny Panel Customers and Partnerships and Chairman of the Employment Committee and Hinchbrooke Country Park Joint Group.

Hope for the future low council tax now just seven per cent, or £2.90 a week, of the council tax you pay goes to district council.

Continue helping first-time buyers protecting frontline services delivering new investment support local business and vulnerable residents sure all local councillors want that.

I would like to thank the parish locum clerk Mrs Taylor since her appointment been so helpful to Me and pay tribute to the parish councillors who am sure have the best interests of the village in mind.

Hope it has been positive report now for the Achilles heel Crown and Cushion Public House am disappointed the public house is closed it being community asset was hoping for business support from the district council so the owners would be able to open in the interests of the village.

The Sand Road Development had problems from the start with the developer not having enough land in his ownership to create safe junction, poorly written conditions led to lighting more suitable for urban area not rural, any letter email sent to the developer been ignored been exchanges of emails between resident's district council and myself leading to rake progress both are issues demand our attention.

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