

GSRA AGM Agenda - 30/03/2022

1. Election of Chairman

No chair to be elected for 2022. Committee opted to continue with the current setup.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies.

Jon Smith, Chris Butterworth, Peggy Cain, Andrew Pett, Nick Ginn and Tom Cartwright in attendance.

3. Review Minutes of the last meeting

1. Grass cutting contract -Current contract with Buchans finishes at the end of March.

Nick to draft specs and ask two other companies to provide quotes

All agreed that a two-year contract would make sense (with early termination clause for substandard service and reporting in the contract).

Agreed to renew with Buchans, with an increase of 5%. Andrew and Nick to follow up and to confirm if the contract renewal will be one year or two.

2. Farmers market -All agreed we are willing to support a further discussion with the village group regarding the potential of the Farmer's Market.

Nick to respond to Elaine accordingly

GSRA remains in support. Nick Ginn to email Elaine on 30/03/22 to confirm the car park and sports field (with the exception of the football pitches themselves) can be used.

3. Car park -Previous to the meeting Jon Smith has said he will ask Des to get his man to drop plainings into the holes again.

All in the meeting agreed we should look at the options for a more permanent solution in the entrance area as it is here the damage is worst.

Jon to ask Des for opinions.

All agreed asking the main users of the car park (nursery, playgroup and football club) to contribute towards the cost of car park improvements.

Des has dropped plainings in holes.

2 solution options (short term or long term). Long term fix requires an engineer to establish the requirements, which can then be used to go out to tender (to three contractors).

Currently waiting for engineer to provide a cost quote for his time. Early estimate for the full solution is £80-100k, due to requirement for tank under the car park (to prevent water from draining into nearby ditches without being filtered first). Short term fix involves creating a 2x0.5m gravel filled ditch around the entirety of the car park, then levelling the car park and gravelling the surface (early estimate of £25k, perhaps a 5 year lifespan).

Jon to proceed in requesting the engineer to create the spec, then the GSRA can proceed with obtaining contractor quotes.

4. Car parking when football is on is far from ideal causing obstructions to both road and path users which is a potential safety concern.

Andrew to speak with highways officer in next two weeks regarding what possible solutions there might be.

Highways agency confirmed that there are no available parking restrictions as the parking is within a 40mph zone. Parish council hasn't received any recent complaints.

5. Tom will inspect/monitor the trench and speak to Chris/ Tennis club if it is causing the football club any issues.

No further comments/complaints/issues from the football club re the raised trench.

4. Treasurers Report

Agreed to retain a reserve balance of approximately £20k as a sinking fund. Available balance to spend is therefore circa £20k. Plan for additional funding request from the Pooresland trust (£10-15k per year available).

Jon to send out invoices to the tennis and football clubs for 2022 H1.

5. Election of Officers

Secretary – Chris and Tom to ask if anyone at tennis/football clubs would step up to be secretary. Each GSRA user should only have one vote.

Treasurer – Jon to remain as treasurer.

6. Any Other Business -

Farmers Market – Stephanie Beaumont – 1st Sunday in the month, between May and October. Using the car park and some of the grass, though not the football pitches. The stallholders would all be artisan producers from within a 30 mile area. We intend to impress on the Great Gransden residents the idea of walking or cycling, use of reusable bags etc.

Rent Invoices – JS apology!!!

Car Park – Cost, options

Tennis Club –

1. options for a waste pipe. Our preferred option is to run it down to the pavilion/nursery. If we use this option, do the football club want us to go around the pitches this time?

Go ahead to go around the edge of the field. Still need to keep the field flat as water run off will go to ditch.

2. we want to do a second round of fundraising (after securing £30k for the court refurb) and a proposal from the club is that we do this under the GSRA banner.

No objection from GSRA , as long as documents sent externally are reviewed by GSRA (Diane Taylor, PC clerk, at gransdenpc@hotmail.co.uk) first.

Football Club - GFC would like to raise funds from the FA to develop drainage on the field - to do this they require a letter from the parish council confirming they will have guaranteed access for 5 years from the date of funding.

Mike Kapps to discuss drainage equipment with John Jefferies. PC also available to provide written confirmation of access to the pitches. Tom to email PC clerk to request written permission.

Energy prices – Potential electricity increase of 54% from April 2022.

Nursery hasn't had a rent review for 9 years.

Jon to speak to a solicitor to discover the correct protocol for a rent review.

Tennis club to contribute an additional £100 (total annual fee of £1800) per year due to increasing electricity costs.

7. **NextMeeting**

30th June 2022, 8pm

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Jon mob 07802200578

Tom mob 07968059717

Peggy mob

Nick mob 07887821163

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