

REPORT TO GREAT GRANDSDEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 3 RD APRIL 2023

I hope this is not self-pity been disappointing year personally, of accidents and illness leading to not attending some parish meetings, year have not enjoyed, the year started off with conservatives finding themselves in opposition believe since the election been constructive opposition. At the district council have two roles member of the Employment Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee one positive able to attend peer challenge meeting with leader of another district council examining the roles of Management leadership, staff and members in carrying out the roles and responsibilities of the committee to achieve best practise to protect the organisation from fraud, to achieve sound financial management and prevent ever growing thread of cyber-attacks,

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW A428

Am disappointed with the slow progress in the starting date for the A428 due to legal action judicial review being taken against the secretary of state decision, it is now waiting for High Court date for the hearing.

EAST WEST RAIL

The decision local residents are waiting for route, rail infrastructure and the effect on the local environment should be known in May 2023.

CROWN and CUSHION PUBLIC HOUSE

Again am disappointed with lack of progress it is community asset seems to count for little can understand it is home but the loss of public house leading to villager's and visitors missing out on enjoying social activity sharing friendship with other public house's with the English tradition of pub competitions.

GREAT GRANDSDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Along with County Councillor Ferguson delighted the Council approved the neighbourhood plan and we were able to express to council the hard work carried out by the committee with the parish council support, the best way to protect the village historic character in any future development.

LONDON LUTON STACKING ARRANGEMENTS

Again with the support of County Councillor Ferguson moved motion to council requesting that the leadership write to the Civil Aviation Authority as part of their Post Implementation Review of flight changes from data collected brings increased noise and pollution caused by descending aircraft and additional aircraft mileage experienced by Huntingdonshire Communities urges London Luton to abandon its recent flight path changes.

EACH YEAR

Never sure how to word My appreciation to the parish council clerk for all the help received during the council year also respect I have for the parish councillor's who seek to serve the best interests of the village, volunteers who give their time hope in return know the value of their contribution to the village confident you will face any challenge. Thank you!

County Councillor Stephen Ferguson been pleasure to work with over the past twelve months, politics forgotten spends all his time seeking to support and work for the district and his wards residents, it is good feeling to know we all want the best for the village and district we will have disappointments and frustrations we do understand best of public service.

RICHARD WEST

