

Clerk's Report
Monday 4th December 2023

1. Silent prayer.

2. Apologies for absence.

3. Co-option to the Parish Council - proposal.

4. Declarations of Interest.

(a) Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest in any items on the agenda:

(b) Councillors to declare any other interest in any items on the agenda.

5. Minutes - To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th November 2023.

6. Open Forum.

7. Crown & Cushion - ACV – update: Councillor Ginn.

8. Playing Field – MUGA

27/11/23 from Will Bentall.

Dear Parish Councillors,

I have now contacted Kirsten Newman at B & L Fencing. Although she clarified that we are out of there area of operation for maintenance work she very helpfully sent me some sample rubber strips with some advice on fitting. I have put those to one side for the moment.

Our discussions led me to contact Rory at ETC and found that the bolt tightening instructions from Zaun are very vague and he would appreciate any help in clarifying this. One or two were particularly loose at the lowest fixing point on the school end goal.

I then spoke to Darren Copeland at Zaun who was able to give some information and who was very surprised that there are no U brackets or EPDM strips at these lowest positions. I am still discussing with him potential solutions such as fitting hand-made pads in these positions and will get back to you when we have a plan.

In order to move this on as quickly as possible it would be helpful if you could give me permission to implement any of Zaun's minor suggestions that do not have any impact on health and safety such as inserting rubber pads at the lowest positions and ensuring all bolts in rattling places are torqued to at least the typical torque on the "good" part of the MUGA. I have a calibrated torque wrench that will allow me to do this safely. I would keep all records in a dedicated log book that would be available for you to inspect at any time. (Obviously I would not charge any of this to the PC).

9. Tree Management Councillor Capps.

Quotes.

10. Churchyard management. – Councillor Capps

28/11/23

Other two tree surgeons have now been on site and know that they need to get the information to us before Monday. So hope we can discuss and make decisions regarding who to employ/who pays for allotment work/applications to local authorities(HDC & S.Cambs) for permissions etc.

The listed grave in the closed Churchyard requires some work to be done and I believe we will need to apply for permission. I will explain in the report re grass cutting meeting.

11. Meeting with Anthony Browne MP – report: Councillor Ginn and Councillor Pett.

12. RFO's Financial Statements:

To postpone to January meeting.

Financial Report November 2023

Budget Review November 2023

13. Payments for Approval

To be circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for December2023

14. Bank account: Clerk/RFO access.

15. Highways & Rights of Way

- **Any repairs or maintenance needed**
- **LHI bid - Autumn 2023 - Councillor Catmur.**

9/11/23 - I have just sat through the CCC LHI explanation and it is noticeable for us that the typical costs of a priority narrowing have now increased to £17,500.

We may want to consider our contribution of £2,500 at the December meeting, as £2,500 is now 14% of the estimated costs.

£>3,500 would be >20%, which increases our chance of getting an agreement to go ahead.

The next step up is >40%, i.e. £>7,500
- **Rights of Way – proposed meeting / walkabout with RoW Officer.**

16. Correspondence.

16.1 CIL Funding Round 2023/2024 – open: To note.

16.2 Neighbourhood Policing Team – liaison meeting: 12/12/23, 7pm online. GGPC representation?

16.3 Cemetery bridge.

20/11/23 Sylvia Sullivan Clerk to Little Gransden Parish Council

I had a report from a resident that the bridge on the footpath between Great Gransden cemetery and Great Gransden old churchyard may have been affected as a result of reinforcing stones falling into the brook after recent heavy rain. As you will have a Parish Council meeting before Little Gransden's is due. I wonder whether you could put this on your agenda and assess for any damage. I look forward to hearing from you and liaising as necessary.

20/11/23 Councillor Day

I looked at the bridge today; I tend to do this weekly basis, after emptying the bin. The wall shows no abnormal movement (I regularly measure the distance to a marker in the path to the Dole Field, and today it was in the normal range), and the wall itself looks unchanged - nothing fallen off recently. The wall needs repair and perhaps buttressing or some other form of support, but this has been known for some time. I am unsure if the wall is a PC responsibility or Highways (as it's there to protect the bridge).

17. Planning Applications:

17.1 23/02047/S73 Variation of condition 25 (Affordable Housing Scheme) of 17/01375/OUT Land North East of Mandene Gardens Great Gransden. Response required by 8/12/23.

17.2 23/02075/S73 Variation of condition 2 (As Plans) and removal of conditions 14 (Joinery), 18 (Oak) and 19 (Corrugated Steel Roof) of 18/010909/FUL(Retrospective) Rippington Barn 18 Church Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AF. Response required by 8/12/23.

17.3 23/02074/S73 Variation of condition 2 (As Plans) and removal of conditions 3 (Joinery), 7 (Oak) and 8 (Corrugated Steel Roof) of 18/01910/LBC (Retrospective) Rippington Barn 18 Church Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AF. Response required by 18/12/23.

17.4 23/02196/FUL Retrospective planning application to retain and use units 4 & 5 including extension to Unit 5 for business use. Land West Of Highbury Fields Eltisle Road Great Gransden. Response required by 8/12/23.

17.5 23/02230/HHFUL Single-storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory 34 Church Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AF. Response required by 13/12/23.

17.6 23/02198/FUL Erection of agricultural building, hard-standing and access track Land West Of 24 Little Gransden Lane Great Gransden. Response required by 14/12/23.

17.7 23/02096/LBC Repair of slate roof using a mixture of existing slates, and like for like reclaimed slate, and addition of insulation. The Reading Rooms Fox Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AA. Response required by 18/12/23.

18. HR Committee Update – (see separate Clerk's Report for this agenda item).

Confidential - In line with the legislation below, this item will be closed to the public.*

19. Dates of meetings 2024/25:

There has been a suggestion that meetings should change to the second Monday of the month, so these are listed as well as the first Mondays.

2024 - January – already agreed – 8th Jan.

Feb – 5th/12th, Mar 4th/11th, Apr 1st (Easter Mon)/8th, May 6th (Bank Hol) /13th, Jun 3rd/10th, Jul 1st/8th, Aug 5th/12th, Sept 2nd/9th, Oct 7th/14th, Nov 4th/11th, Dec 2nd/9th.

2025 – Jan 6th/ 13th.

Annual Parish Meeting: In 2023 this was held on the same evening as the monthly Parish Council meeting. Should this be continued or is the preference to revert to a different date in April, as in other years?

20. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th January 2024 which will commence at 7.30pm.

**'Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960*

(2) A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.'

End of Report