

**Clerk's Report**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**1. Silent prayer.**

**2. Apologies for absence:**

**3. 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.

**4. Minutes - To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

**5. Open Forum.**

- **Aircraft noise over Great Gransden and Luton Airport expansion**  
**30/7/24 a resident will be bringing forward continuing and new concerns.**

**6. Matters Arising.**

**6.1 RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports – update.**

**6.2 MUGA maintenance – update.**

11/7/24 Councillor Greenland

I believe they achieved what had been asked of them ie jet washed the surface of the MUGA and installed the missing bolt at the school end. They also noticed a missing bolt at the Reading Rooms end which they also installed.

31/7/24 from a nearby resident

..... in getting ETC to fit that missing bolt and rubber pad. It has finally brought the noise level down more in line with the manufacturer's claims: at least in the short term.

Clearly the fact that another bolt has come out demonstrates an on-going problem so I will press on with the inspections.

It would be really helpful to know which bolt came out because most positions were checked in March.

If it was in the reading room goal then we can deduce that all goal fixings need checking every three months due to the heavy duty that these experience; whereas if it was the bottom position of the central goal fence post, then it might only be those positions without rubber pads that require frequent checking.

In order to avoid a lot of unnecessary effort I wonder if you could contact Rory to find out. It certainly looks like a new bolt in that central bottom position at the Reading Room goal but could be a red herring.

**7. Playing Field lease – Councillor Greenland:** draft documentation emailed to councillors.

**8. Winchfield greenspace.**

- Management responsibility / grass and tree maintenance.

**9. Reading Room Cottage.**

- Maintenance works – house and garden.
- Letting / Caretaker

**10. Reading Room internet and phone provider - comparison of provision and costs.**

**11. Website provision- Councillor Day**

**12. Financial Regulations 2<sup>nd</sup> draft – Councillor Day.**

**13. RFO's Financial Statements and Budget Review:**

*Financial Reports July 2024.*

*Budget Review July 2024.*

**14. Payments for Approval**

*To be circulated to Councillors:*

*Full List of Payments for August 2024*

**15. Highways & Rights of Way**

- Any repairs or maintenance needed.
- **30/7/24 from a Willingham resident.**  
**I like to collect old street lights so I hope an arrangement can be made to set aside [obtain] the old lantern PC12 when it comes [down].**
- LHI bid update – Councillor Catmur.

## 16. Correspondence

### 16.1 Banner for Fox Street Tavern events.

29/7/24 Fox Street Tavern Team.

Please can we put a small banner on the large gate at the RR prior to each monthly Saturday opening of the Fox Street Tavern. .... we will ensure ... displayed for a few days only.

### 16.2 Lithium ion Battery Safety Bill – request to support the bill.

8/7/24 Ron Bailey, parliamentary researcher for Lord (Don) Foster.

Email forwarded to councillors.

### 16.3 Local energy initiative.

19/ 7/24 Councillor Catmur.

...now seems the right time, with the new government, for this to move forward and benefit the village. – Councillor Bane and Councillor Catmur.

### 16.4 Community Energy Action Plan, CCC – consultation. End response date 16/9/24.

[Community Energy Action Plan | Consult Cambridgeshire \(engagementhq.com\)](#)

### 16.5 Active Travel Hierarchy, CCC – consultation. End response date 16/9/24.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/active-travel-hierarchy>

## 17. Planning Applications:

**17.1 REF. 24/01234/LBC - 25 Fox Street Great Gransden Sandy, Single storey rear extension to outbuilding, including solar panels, air source apparatus and ancillary development.** Response required by 6/8/24.

**17.2 REF. 24/01235/HHFUL - 25 Fox Street Great Gransden Sandy, Single storey rear extension to outbuilding, including solar panels, air source apparatus, and ancillary development.** Response required by 6/8/24.

**17.3. REF. 24/01275/TREE - 2 Little Gransden Lane Great Gransden Sandy.** Response required by 13/8/24.

## 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.*

**18. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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

**NB.** All notes in red have been added since the formal publication of the Agenda.