

Clerk's Report
Monday 4th November 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 7th October 2024.

5. Open Forum

6. Matters Arising.

6.1 RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports – update and quotes.

6.2 Mandene Gardens ‘play area’ and Dutton Gardens ‘greenspace’: to note, no response yet from Funding Project Manager, HDC.

6.3 Winchfield greenspace: to note, meeting with residents 12/11/24. (See also below: item 17. CCC Highways – Village Verge Maintenance Consultation).

6.4 Cemetery memorial bench by shed: to note, research continuing into family that funded the bench.

7. Meeting with Ian Sollom, MP: an online link during a Parish Council meeting is proposed by the constituency office.

8. Reading Room - veranda drain – report from Reading Room Committee.

9. Reading Room Cottage – update.

- damp quote.
- winter management – water / heating.

10. Mowing Specifications for cemetery and churchyard – proposed specifications.

11. Bowling Green fencing and hedging.

- **Badgers – digging on green in dry weather and damage to fencing.**
- **Lease renewal required for Nov 2025.**

12. Defibrillator pads – purchase of backup sets.

- **Sportsfield defib cabinet not closing.**

13. Poor's Land – correspondent.

14. RFO's Financial Statements and Budget Review:

Financial Reports October 2024.

Budget Review October 2024.

15. Payments for Approval

To be circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for November 2024

16. Draft Budget V2 & Precept proposal 2025/26: Councillors Pett and Catmur.

17. Highways & Rights of Way

- Any repairs or maintenance needed.
- LHI round 2025/26
- Meeting with Local Highways Officer – report: Councillors Pett and Catmur.
- **CCC Highways – Village Verge Maintenance Consultation.**

18. Correspondence and Consultations

18.1 HDC Local Plan Engagement – 18/10 – 27/11/2024.

<https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/>

18.2 Government consultation - Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings 24/10 – 19/12/24.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>

18.3 Solar carports for village carparks: Councillor Catmur.

18.4 Bowls & Croquet Club – request for support and funding for new mower.

Request for support for the Club's application to HDC for a Community Chest grant and request for possible match funding from the Parish Council.

Information sent to councillors.

18.5 CIL Funding round – 4/11/24 – 19/1/2025.

Available to Parish Councils - 1:1 30 min Teams slots to discuss applications and any question about the CIL process 8.30-4.30 on Tuesday 19th November.

19. Planning Applications:

None

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

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

21. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 2nd December 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.