

Clerk's Report
Monday 2nd December 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 4th November 2024.

5. Open Forum

6. Matters Arising.

6.1 Winchfield greenspace: to note, update on meeting with Winchfield residents 12/11/24.

6.2 Reading Room - veranda drain: start date for work – 2/12/2024.

6.3 Crown & Cushion – update: Councillor Ginn.

7. Meeting with Ian Sollom, MP, 6/1/ 2025 - online link to Parish Council meeting.

- short list of subjects / questions for discussion.
- online link.

8. RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports – update and quotes:

- one bay swing, now replaced 14/11/24.
- quotes.

9. Reading Room Cottage – update.

• **Electricity – monitoring:**

Data now available for electricity usage when:

Non-tenanted – (occasional light being put on).

Non-tenanted – (minimum winter heating to 10 degrees, when outside air temperature 3 degrees or below).

• **Electricity bills:**

- To note, account at last set up with Octopus.
- Bill payments – update.

10. CIL funding: round open 4/11/24 – 19/1/2025. Options suggested:

- Sportsfield car park.

11. RFO's Financial Statements and Budget Review:

Financial Reports November 2024.

Budget Review November 2024.

12. Payments for Approval

To be circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for December 2024

13. Virtual GGPC (Great Gransden Parish Council) debit card – Councillor Day.

14. GGPC email accounts for all councillors – Councillor Day.

- web site currently costs us £108 p/a + VAT,

- website cost £92 p/a if pay 3 years at a time.

- currently 3 ggpc.org email accounts (IT Manager / Clerk / RFO)

- increasing to 11 (all councillors) would cost approx. £100 this year, and annually £214 (today's prices) thereafter.

15. Purchase of government domain name for GGPC

4/11/24 Councillor Day.

- a gov.uk address for 10 years, for about £200 plus VAT

(“the pricing has dropped from £90 per annum to around £20”).

- can run this in parallel with our existing name until the latter is due for renewal

When due for renewal:

- decide [whether] to renew our old name (probably £12 p/a if we pay for 10 years up front.

- [Suggest] paying these up front, not so much for the cost savings & price fixing, but for the convenience!

16. Draft Budget 2025/26: Councillors Pett and Catmur.

17. Highways & Rights of Way

- **Any repairs or maintenance needed.**
- **LHI round for funding in 2025/26 – possible projects** – open until 5 pm, 10/1/25.
- **Capitally Funded Highway Maintenance Schemes:**

20/11/24 Asset Management, Highways, CCC

We are writing to you to ask if you wish to highlight any roads or footpaths where you think capital investment is needed. You should bear in mind that this request is for larger scale capital investment, which may include the following:

- Major resurfacing or reconstruction of a significant length of road or footway/cycleway.
- Installation of a new drainage system or replacement of a failed existing highway drainage system where there is severe flooding on the road.
- Major maintenance of a Public Right of Way which may be unpassable or difficult to use.

6/11/24 James Catmur, Councillor, HDC.

“... I have submitted... - Raising the height of Waresley Road, Great Grandsden. I suspect... will not be high priority,”

“These will be reviewed by officers and used to help prioritise schemes for our 25/26 Capital Maintenance Programme. This will be discussed at the March 2025 meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee.”

18. Correspondence

18.1 CPCA Climate Opportunity Fund – open 25/11/24 – 17/1/24.

- Funding up to £1M total capital projects.
- Bids of £50K to £150K are welcome.
- 10% match funding required.
- Eligible bidders are not for profit organisations (including parish councils, social enterprises and voluntary organisations).
- Information webinar 5.30 pm, 4/12/24.

18.2 National Highways A428 funding – round open 1/11/24 – 15/1/25.

The two funds available are:

- A **social value fund** with grants of between £15,000 and £200,000. Expressions of interest are being accepted.
- A **community fund** with grants of up to £15,000.

18.3 East – West Rail non-statutory consultation - 14/11/2024 – 24/1/2025.

19. Planning Applications:

19.1 REF. 24/01990/HHFUL - Construction of a garden building - 48 West Street, Great Grandsden, Sandy, SG19 3AU. Response by 3/12/24.

19.2 REF. 24/02020/HHFUL - Single/two storey side extension, first floor side extension, rear veranda and raised deck, renewable energy apparatus, car port against outbuilding and ancillary development - 63 Meadow Road Great Grandsden Sandy SG19 3BB. Response by 3/12/24.

19.3 REF. 24/01924/LBC - Erection of new wall and gates to front boundary following demolition of existing wall (Retrospective) - 25 Fox Street Great Grandsden Sandy SG19 3AA. Response by 3/12/24.

19.4 REF. 24/01923/HHFUL - Erection of new wall and gates to front boundary following demolition of existing wall (Retrospective) - 25 Fox Street Great Grandsden Sandy SG19 3AA. Response by 3/12/24.

20. Dates of meetings Jan 2025 - Jan 2026:

Only 5th May is a first Monday, move meeting to 12th May?

January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 12th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th,
November 3rd, December 1st, January 5th 2026.

21. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 6th January 2025 which will commence at 7.30pm.

End of Report

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