

Clerk's Report
Monday 3rd February 2025

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 6th January 2025.

5. Open Forum

5.1 Reading Room Extension Project – update presentation.

5.2 Reports from County and District Councillors

5.3 Other matters.

6. Matters Arising.

6.1 CIL grant application – Sportsfield car park - Councillor Catmur.

Application submitted. Decision will be received March / April 2025.

7. Bowls & Croquet Club – update:

- Fencing to south end.

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

9. Net Zero Villages grant application - Solar panels project: Councillor Catmur.

10. Cemetery bench – by shed – update.

11. Street lights - issues

- Meadow road lamp damaged by car accident – insurance details have been received
- Middle Street – lamp not working.
- PC 12 Caxton Road.
- **PC 4 – request for review of this lamp** from a resident.

“My suggestion is that the light should be permanently removed following a review of its utility. From my perspective its only function is to bathe my house in light pollution during the winter months (it is situated directly in front of an upstairs window). It causes moss to grow on the outside, damaging my property. It (dimly) illuminates a 20m stretch of pavement that has no route to it or from it. Presumably it was installed to highlight the roundabout, but it fails in this miserably due to poor design and placement. It serves no purpose now modern car headlights are so much improved and presumably costs the parish council to maintain and power it. This is a waste and I would ask that it is reviewed with a view to removal.”



12. Grass cutting contracts – 2025.

13. Tree Preservation Orders in Parish – proposal to review. – Councillor Ginn.

14. Crown & Cushion - update Councillor Ginn.

15. RFO's Financial Statements and Budget Review:

Financial Reports January 2025.

Budget Review January 2025.

16. Payments for Approval

To be circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for February 2025.

17.. Risk Register – Gt Gransden Parish Council – Update 28/1/2024 – Councillor Catmur.

To review the Risk Register v2_9 update.

18. Highways & Rights of Way

- **Any repairs or maintenance needed.**

- **30/1/25 Mill Lane - ditches overflowing across road after rain from a resident.**

“The ditches on the right hand side, as you look down from the windmill, are never cleared, leading to running water down the hill and standing water both by the windmill and at the bottom by the lay-by/ garden of 31 Mill Road.

The blocked ditches are a hazard to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, especially when it is icy and when it has rained heavy.

Whose responsibility is it to clear these ditches and can the council request they are cleared out so that the water can flow in them and not on the road please?

In addition the drains on Mill Road always seem to be full and blocked. I have taken a few photos to demonstrate what I am emailing you about.”



19. Correspondence and Consultations

19.1 20/1/2025 Overgrown hedges from a resident

“...in two areas in particular it is no longer possible to walk on the footpath because hedges etc have been allowed to widen to such an extent the only way is by walking on the road. Walking a dog or pushing a push chair in these two areas would be totally impossible.

The first area is outside 21 Church Street where the hedge is well trimmed but has got to such a width it is some way across the footpath. This hedge needs to be taken right back to allow pedestrians to walk on the path.

The second area is at the bottom of crow tree street on the right hand side just next to the junction. The problem there is rosemary bushes. This is particularly dangerous as the path is right next to the junction and cars come from

Meadow Road direction and turn left into crow tree street. This means pedestrians are certainly at risk if walking on the road.

Please could councillors contact the home owners to rectify this situation which has been on going now for a long time.”

19.2 23/1/2025 Defibrillator box at Reading Room from a resident.

Suggestion for new defibrillator box at Reading Room.

“... the defibrillator cabinet is looking so sad and does not give any confidence that the interior is functional.”

19.3 Cambridgeshire CC Planning Local Validation List consultation – open 27/1/ - 10/3/2025.

Consultation on the proposed 2025 revision of the Local Validation List for planning applications for the County Council’s own development and for waste development.

Local validation lists set out the information that needs to be included with planning applications submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council for its own development and waste development, to enable the planning authority to validate and register the applications.

Local planning authorities are required to review their existing local validation lists at least every two years. Local validation lists are in addition to the national requirements.

19.4 Town & Parish Councils' Briefing - HDC Housing Land Supply Position Update - Thurs, 23th Feb 2025.

Approx. 30mins - online briefing and questions.

Attendee from GGPC?

20. Planning Applications:

20.1 REF. 24/02408/FUL - Extension to an existing agricultural barn, Redwood Farm Caxton Road Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3BQ. Response by 4/2/25.

20.2 REF. 24/02406/FUL - Erection of 4 Semi-Detached Agricultural Worker's Dwellings (and Associated Infrastructure). Land South East Of Redwood Farm House Caxton Road Great Gransden. Response by 4/2/25.

21. Date of Annual Parish Meeting 2025 – Monday 28th April – to minute confirmation.

22. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 3rd March 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.