

Clerk's Report
Monday 3rd March 2025

1. Silent prayer.

2. Apologies for absence:

Councillor Paul Greenland

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 3rd February 2025.

5. Open Forum

6. Planning Applications:

6.1 REF. 25/00197/PCB - BT Public payphone removal 1767677211 - Telephone Kiosk Middle Street Great Gransden. Response by 20th March.

26/2/25 from a group of residents

I am writing concerning the proposal by Hunts District Council to remove the Public Phone Box in Middle Street, Great Gransden.

While the Parish Council should object to its removal on the grounds that the Phone Box is a listed building, could you please also point out to the PC members that, for £1, they are entitled to adopt the same phone box by applying through the BT 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme. This offer is also open to Charities and Community Councils, but not (regrettably) to individuals.

Adoption was previously suggested to the PC by, and I would like to repeat her proposal. If the Phone Box (number 01767 677211) is adopted by the PC, we would then submit a joint plan for its use and management as a Community Resource.

Could you please bring this offer to the attention of the Councillors at the March 3rd meeting? We can supply more details of our plan if required.

27/2/2025 reply from Historic England.

“... in respect of the proposed removal of the Grade II Listed telephone box in Great Gransden.

I can now confirm that Historic England have been formally consulted on the application by Huntingdonshire District Council.

I have passed the application to our Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas for their comments in due course.”

6.2 REF. 25/00079/LBC - Change of Use, including internal works, from Public House (Sui-Generis) to Dwelling (Class C3) - Crown And Cushion West Street Great Gransden SG19 3AT. Response by 4/3/2025.

6.3 REF. 25/00078/FUL - Change of Use, including internal works, from Public House (Sui-Generis) to Dwelling (Class C3) - Crown And Cushion West Street Great Gransden SG19 3AT. Response by 4/3/2025.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 CIL grant application – Sportsfield car park – update - Councillor Catmur.

7.2 Net Zero Villages grant application - Solar panels project – update - Councillor Catmur.

7.3. Play equipment maintenance update – Councillor Davis.

8. Bowls & Croquet Club – fencing quotes:

Full details of the quotes provided to councillors by email.

Summary provided by the Bowls & Croquet Club

The quotations range from £2,810 from to £3,600 from The most expensive quote from is the highest specification and would be a great choice.

However, the [lower] quote from or would, I believe, meet our needs.

I would be pleased if the PC could approve this request and would ask if the PC could also allow an additional provisional sum of up to £500 as a contingency to cater for additional fencing due to error in measurement, plus changes in ground level together with tree and shrub branch removal from existing fence line. Any contingency costs would be presented to and approved by the PC.

9. Street lights – quotes.

Full details of quotes provided to councillors by email.

10. RFO's Financial Statements and Budget Review:

Financial Reports February 2025.

Budget Review February 2025.

11. Payments for Approval

To be circulated to Councillors:

Full List of Payments for March 2025.

12. Highways & Rights of Way

- **Any repairs or maintenance needed.**
- **TTRO applications - Church Street and Fox Street.**
Road Closure for slurry sealing of footways 5/4/25 – 4/4/26.
Closing date for comments – 7/3/2025.

13. Correspondence and Consultations

13.1 VE Day and Gransden & District Royal British Legion event.

31/1/2025

Chairman, Gransden & District Branch, Royal British Legion.

We are wanting to share in celebrating VE day in May and was hoping that the Parish Council might like to join us ... or if you have plans, for us to join you?

13.2 Recent village burglaries and Police liaison – Councillor Ginn.

13.3 Motor bikes on the Playing Field

22/2/2025

email from a resident.

“.... We looked into the park and saw there were two or three motorbikes hanging around the swing area and the MUGA. They were driving around causing extremely antisocial behaviour and especially as it's rather late and this is a small village area. I was just wondering if this issue could be addressed.....”

26/2/2025

email from a resident

“As you may know, there was a lot of noisy activity on the MUGA at the weekend with some loud crashing sounds.

I have retrieved the damaged sign from the side entrance which has clearly been wrenched off of the fencing.

I can bring it along to the meeting on Monday for convenience so that someone can reinstall it (I don't have the correct fixings).

Maybe this is a timely reminder to broadcast the main rules on social media and Roundabout as we move into March when the clocks change.”

14. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 7th April 2025 which will commence at 7.30pm.

15. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 28th April 2025 which will commence at 7.30 pm.

End of Report

NB. All notes in **red** have been added to the Clerk's Report since the formal publication of the agenda.