

**Clerk's Report**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**1. Silent prayer.**

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Councillors Nick Ginn, Paul Greenland, Andrew Pett, **Chris Bane** and **Alan Rowbotham**.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

**5. Open Forum**

**6. Matters Arising.**

**7. Crown & Cushion – update:**

**Ref. 25/00078/FUL** - Huntingdonshire District Council in pursuance of powers under the above Act, hereby REFUSE TO PERMIT for:

Proposal: Change of Use, including internal works, from Public House (Sui-Generis) to Dwelling (Class C3)

Site address: Crown And Cushion West Street Great Gransden SG19 3AT

**Ref; 25/00079/LBC PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 LISTED BUILDING** - Huntingdonshire District Council in pursuance of powers under the above Act, hereby CONSENT to:

Proposal: Internal works to Public House (Sui-Generis)

Site address: Crown And Cushion West Street Great Gransden SG19 3AT

**8. BT Phone box – update:**

**3/4/25 info. forwarded from a resident who requested BT repair the phone box.**

3/4/25 - "...a new door closer and arm have now been fitted and the edge of door has been planed so it will now close flush. The repaint of the kiosk has been request, but not yet executed."

**1/4/2025 Development Control, HDC**

Draft decision (approval) sent to the Secretary of State regarding the removal of telephone equipment.

**12/3/2025 BT Networks**

'[The box] is indeed on Private land and does belong to BT as you suspected.

Unfortunately, we do not allow adoption of kiosks on BT owned land.

We have a dedicated Payphone Customer Service team that handles issues relating to the condition and serviceability of BT's public telephone kiosks. They can be contacted at [customer.serv.payphones@bt.com](mailto:customer.serv.payphones@bt.com) or by calling 0800 661610. Please make contact with them if you feel the kiosk would benefit from repairs / Repaint.'

**9. Bowls & Croquet Club – lease** – notes emailed to councillors.

**10. Solar Panels Project** – update.

9/3/2023 HDC – Net Zero Village Grant Scheme.

[You have been] successful in your application for the Net Zero Villages Grant Scheme. The panel have awarded you the full £17,999 ....

**11. Cemetery bench by shed.**

2/4/2025 Replacement Cemetery Bench, by shed Proposal from family.

- Aluminium and wood bench – see photo below.
- 4 concrete pedestals flush with soil level with bench bolts to concrete.
- Concrete pedestals depth ? width ?
- Small brass commemorative plaque.
- Family will purchase and pay for installation.
- Family agrees responsibility for upkeep of the bench during its natural life-time (approx. 20-25 yrs)
- Family confirms that they do not wish to replace the bench at the end of its natural life-time.



**12. Play equipment maintenance** – Councillor Davis.

**13. Playing Field** – opening / closing gate.

**14. Shop – Asset of Community Value** – notes emailed to councillors.

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

*Financial Reports March 2025.*

*Budget Review March 2025.*

To note: Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils in England, increased to 2025/26 - £11.10. (Government Act 1972. Section 137 Act allows parish and town councils to incur expenditures for purposes that benefit their communities when no specific statutory power is available).

**16. Payments for Approval**

*To be circulated to Councillors:*

*Full List of Payments for April 2025.*

**17. Appointment of Internal Auditor.**

**18. Highways & Rights of Way**

- **Any repairs or maintenance needed.**

**19. Correspondence and Consultations**

**19.1 Speeding in the village.**

23/2/2024 from a resident.

“Most vehicles now ignore the 20mph speed limit, even locals, to the extent that to see a vehicle observing the limit is the exception. ....

“Other villages ... have invested in speed monitoring cameras [signs] which show the speed of the approaching vehicle, .... [can] Great Gransden .... do the same.”

**20. Planning Applications:**

**20.1 REF. 25/00427/LBC - Removal of solar panels, repairs to 2 x chimney stacks and lead gutter of main roof, repair and replace timber fascia and barge boards and replacement of existing gutters. 10 East Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AB. Response by 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

**20.2 REF. 25/00467/HHFUL - Single storey side extension/Garden room in place of existing conservatory and loft conversion with dormers and rooflights. 30 West Street Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AU. Response by 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

**21. HR Committee Report and Recommendation** – (see separate Clerk's Report for this agenda item).

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

**22. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 which will commence at 7.30 pm

**23. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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.