

Clerk's Report

Tuesday 4th May 2021

2. Election of Chairman

3. Apologies To receive apologies for absence

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Election of Officers / Vice Chairman

6. Minutes. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 12th April 2021 and from the 22nd April 2021.

7. Open Forum

8. Matters Arising

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Update from Cllr Pett

2. Risk Assessments – Review of inspections of the Parish Councils Assets. To discuss any findings from Risk Assessments undertaken by Councillors since the last meeting.

3. EWR consultation – to review the responses received from residents and consider next steps in submitting collective Parish Council comments during the consultation period.

9. Reading Room Cottage fence replacement During the last 'Beast from the East' the fence surrounding the tiny garden area has become dangerous. Attempts have been made by the Caretaker to obtain quotations for the following work (*Take down old fencing and remove from site. Supply and erect 5no. 1.8mt high Overlap panels complete with 300mm Trellis above, on 100 x 100mm timber posts, Posts set in concrete foundations with panels fitted between*). The quote received was from Huntree Fencing for £665.00 ex VAT.

10. Reading Room Cottage Insurance

To consider the renewal premium and sums assured. Due to the nature of the insurance policy required and in line with previous years, only one quote has been sought. The renewal premium is £444.73. This is an increase of £50.32 on last year's premium of £444.73 and includes a mutual bonus saving of £87.35.

11. Parish Council Insurance To consider the renewal premium and sums assured.

Previously circulated to Councillors: *Asset List 2021*

12. Clerk's Financial Statement. For April 2021 and Budget Review.

13. Cheques/Payments for Approval. These will be sent prior to the meeting.

14. Audit of our Accounts for y/e 31st March 2021

Previously circulated to Councillors: *Receipts Account y/e 31st March 2021*

Payments Account y/e 31st March 2021

Bank Reconciliation

Budget Review & Supporting Notes 2020/21

Supporting Statement 2020/21

15. Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 – Section 2

Councillors to approve Section 2 of the AGAR form (Accounting Statements)

16. Highways. Any repairs or maintenance.

17. Correspondence

1. Sand Road

Further issues have been highlighted around the actions of the developer (emails below from residents)

'You will recall there were numerous major concerns for villagers and local councillors relating to this application; the most contentious being the impact of the additional traffic at the nearby junction of Sand Road and East Street with its poor sight lines, tight blind corner and lack of pedestrian alternatives when there is imminent danger from vehicles mounting the kerb. All these issues remain and confirm our feedback to HDC during the planning process that the approved on-paper plans would not make the junction safe enough and should be reviewed and adapted before any development could commence, as per the Grampian Condition.

Following the developer's breach of condition 20, a breach of condition notice was served with a deadline of 28 days from 19th March 2021. This deadline has now passed.

I am disappointed to inform you that the developer has not met the required condition!

Specifically, there is a 3 - 4m stretch of pavement that is less than the agreed and necessary 1.2m width (see attached document with the 3 - 4m stretch highlighted in red). This 3 - 4m stretch is just 1.1m wide and at the most exposed section for pedestrians ie on the blind bend, leaving pedestrians at the mercy of any traffic that mounts the kerb, leaving them with nowhere to step back or escape to safety.

The developer has yet again failed to deliver on its promise and duty to abide by the S106 Condition 20 and I therefore call upon HDC Planning Enforcement to act as set out below by commencing prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Furthermore, I urge HDC to consult properly and respectfully with local residents, local Councillors and Parish Councillors to draw up agreed plans that will make this junction safer'

'Why, if so much effort goes into the planning regulations for low-light street lights, is the developer permitted to deliberately create light pollution in a residential area?'



'Thank you for all your recent work in getting the drains unblocked around the village. Unfortunately, Hayfield Homes appear to have considered the nice clear drain to be a suitable place to put their left over materials used in the construction of the pavement at the Sand Rd/East St junction'.



2. Tennis Club Grant Application Request to approve the amended letter, which has been circulated to Councillors.

'The Letter of Intent submitted by the tennis club to Amey Community Fund has been approved, so we now can make a full application for the project to resurface the courts and remove the backboards.

We need to amend the letter of support from the Parish Council to meet the requirements of the full application. Nothing major, just confirmation of the right of use agreement, consent for the work to go ahead and a statement of safeguarding arrangements'.

18. Planning

At the time of publication of the Agenda, there were no planning applications on which the Parish Council have been asked to comment.

<http://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>