

Clerk's Report

Monday 5th July 2021

2. Apologies To receive apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 1st June 2021 and from the Planning Meeting(s) held on 1st June 2021 and 21st June 2021.

5. Open Forum

6. Matters Arising

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Update from David Prest

2. Bench on Caxton Road – To accept quotation from R Dring

'...Richard reviewed the bench and recommends you replace the two front slats. The other two are quite sound.

Oak would be the best wood to use for durability. This would cost a total of £240. If you use Pine instead which is less durable that would cost £190. There is no VAT payable'

3. Bench on the playing field – To consider replacement costs of corroded bench in park.

https://www.costcuttersuk.com/senior-metal-school-bench.html?gclid=CjwKCAjwqckFBhAhEiwAfEr7zRU_WvYsQTpf11moUTz1vB8Z4s-7H64MnfojQRZlkm3A7FlvsCBXzBoCYAwQAvD_BwE

4. Update on co-opted vacancies – To consider the application received.

7. Reading Room Extension P King

8. Public Footpath (Gransden Woods North of sewage works) N Ginn

9. Play Equipment and MUGA Inspections To review findings from the recent ROSPA inspections.

Previously circulated to Councillors: *Play equipment Inspection Report*

MUGA Inspection Report

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

Previously circulated to Councillors: *Internal Auditors Report 2021*

Clerks Notes

11. Parish Council Policies To review the policies and adopt 2020 Revised Standing Orders.

Previously circulated to Councillors: *Standing Orders*

Financial Regulations 2019

Equal Opportunities Policy

Health & Safety Policy

Archiving Policy

Safeguarding Policy

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

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

14. Highways. Any repairs or maintenance.

15. Correspondence

1. St Neots Museum Contribution Request

'I note that we seem to be the only village locally that does not support the St Neots town museum. Little Gransden sends £20 per year to help support it. It s a great little museum and surely deserves a bit of support from Great Gransden too.

It' s a good place to take kids on a wet day, besides being a mine of information on local history for everyone'.

2. Contribution Request for Bluebell-19 benefice publication

'A Welcome Booklet has been produced and will be delivered to all newcomers to the Bluebell benefice. It contains over thirty pages of information about our four villages as well as several coloured photos. Although the welcome booklet is church generated it is not church dominated but serves to let new residents know what goes on in our four parishes. Much of the information contained in the booklet is in Roundabout but we have added a little history and bits and bobs that existing residents already know. It is meant to welcome newcomers.

We have already ordered 250 copies at the cost of £298. So far, both Abbotsley and Waresley Parish Councils have made a donation towards the cost of the booklet (£50 each) and we will be delighted if the Gransden Parish Councils offer a donation as well'.

1. Elderberry Tree at the Bowls Club To discuss who is responsible for the maintenance/removal of the tree and next steps.

'At the bottom of the Bowling Green there is an very large aged elderberry tree. Over the last thirty years it has more than doubled in size but is now suffering from a massive growth of climbing ivy which occupies over half of the tree canopy. This tree is not healthy with lots of dead branches producing minimal elderberry leaves, whilst the ivy flourishes.

Can you have this tree inspected to find out if removal of the ivy is possible and together with suitable pruning would allow healthy growth to return.

The tree overshadows my back garden at 3 Bakers Court and at about 40 feet tall has outgrown its position. It no longer is a good host to birdlife and really only supports passing wood pigeons, crows and the odd magpie. Smaller species give it a wide berth as the thick ivy offers little suitable food for them. Any water in that area is taken by the tree roots leaving my own garden very dry in the vicinity.

I would appreciate a professional opinion on the best way forward with this increasing problem and look forward to receiving comments from Great Gransden Parish Council.'



Previously circulated to Councillors:

Copy of the Bowls Club Lease

16. 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/>

17. Review of Clerk's working arrangements (Confidential)