

Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

## **Clerk's report to councillors**

**2. Apologies for Absence** – to receive apologies for absence.

**4. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March** – copy previously provided.

## **6. Matters Arising:**

**6.1. Neighbourhood Development Plan** - to update councillors on the progress since the last meeting (AP).

**6.2. Multi-Use Games Area** – Peter King to report on developments since the last meeting and following the site meeting with the contractor.

**6.3. Village Bins** – clerk to report that the GSRA have agreed to contact HDC to arrange to empty the 2 sportsfield litter bins. The caretakers have agreed to put out the Parish Council's litter bin for collection, although the number of bins already stored at the rear of the Reading Room precludes the storage of an extra bin. An alternative location put forward is next to the salt bin.

**7. Consultations.** To consider the Parish Council's response to the following consultations:

1. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Email from Cambridgeshire County Council:

This new MWLP will look forward to cover the period to 2036, and will consider the land use planning policies and allocations that will be needed to guide minerals and waste management development over this period in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It will consider the provision we need to make in order to ensure that there is a continuity of mineral to support planned growth; as well as sufficient capacity to manage all types of waste which will be arising from development, and existing and new communities.

The Further Draft Plan, along with a number of supporting documents, including a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment, are available to view online at [cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp) or [peterborough.gov.uk/mwlp](http://peterborough.gov.uk/mwlp).

2. Local Validation Guidance List and Local Validation Check List for planning applications for the Cambridgeshire County Council's own development and for waste development. Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council:

Local planning authorities are required to review their existing local validation lists at least every two years. Local validation lists set out what information should be submitted, to support planning applications submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council for its own development and waste development, to enable the planning authority to validate and register it. These are in addition to the National requirements, which require for example completion of an application form, certificates and a site location plan. The listing of the supplementary information assists consultees and other interested parties to understand and assess the proposal and is intended to provide clarity for applicants and agents.

The Local Validation List was last reviewed in 2017. We have carried out an initial review of the list and guidance notes for 2019 as required and propose to revise them. Since the 2017 Local Validation List Review both Cambridgeshire City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have adopted new local plans. This has introduced the need within these areas for the submission of some additional information to enable applications to be fully considered in relation to the revised policies for example the consideration of public art and low emissions strategies in South Cambridgeshire District Council's area. We are also proposing to extend the requirements relating to the submission of travel plans to all relevant developments, including relevant waste planning applications. We have updated documents and policy references where we are aware of revisions being published. We are also seeking to signpost more clearly the pre-application services that the County Council offers to assist applicants in achieving appropriate advice prior to submitting an application.

**We are consulting you on the proposed draft revised attached documents. The consultation period is 6 weeks from 28 February 2019 until 11 April 2019.**

The existing Local Validation List June 2017 and the accompanying Local Validation Guidance List: - Guidance for applicants and their agents on the Local Validation List (June 2017) and supporting documents are displayed on the County Council's website at:

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20099/planning\\_and\\_development/234/planning/3](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20099/planning_and_development/234/planning/3)

3. Rural Strategy – campaign launched by Rural Strategies Network. Email from Rural Services Network:

On 1st March, the Rural Services Network launched a campaign calling on the Government to develop a Rural Strategy. We are asking all of the Parish Councils and organisations in Rural Areas to support our call and sign up to support our campaign.

A Press Release with more information about the campaign can be found here:

<https://www.rsonline.org.uk/government-urged-to-produce-new-rural-strategy-ahead-of-brexit>

**8. Clerk's Financial Statement** – will be available before the meeting.

**9. Cheques for Approval** – will be available before the meeting.

**10. Review of cemetery charges, contribution towards churchyard maintenance, 'Roundabout' costs, review of clerk's core hours and implementation of Nalc's pay scales.** Clerk's report:

#### Review of Cemetery Charges

Last increased in April 2016 and prior to this in April 2013.

- a. Purchase of grave space for burial from £60 to £65 (April '13 £57.50 to £60).
- b. Purchase of grave space for cremation £60 to £65 (April '13 £57.50 to £60)
- c. Purchase of 2'0" square space for cremated from £25 to £27.
- d. Interment of still born child from £22 to £23 (April '13 £21 to £22).
- e. Interment of body of person more than 1 month old from £38 to £40.
- f. Interment of cremated remains from £25 to £30 (April '13 £23.50 to £25).
- g. Approval of a headstone and inscription charge from £39 to £40.
- h. Approval of inscription on a tablet in the ashes area from £23.50 to £25.
- i. Searching burial records and taking extracts – minimum charge of £15 plus £15 per hour of clerk's time over 1 hour (previously £12).

Above charges to be increased by 100% for persons resident outside the Parish at time of death.

#### Pay for Gardeners

Maintenance for the Garden of Remembrance is carried out by Mr & Mrs McIntosh at £15 per hour. (A grant left to the PC covers this cost – of the original fund of £5,000 a total of £581.74 has been spent leaving a balance of £4,418.26).

Grass cutting is carried out by DP Garden Works on a fixed rate basis - £105 per cut for the cemetery, councillors having accepted this quote for 2019. For 2018 the cost was £100 per cut and in 2017 £95 per cut. Prior to this the cemetery grass cutting was carried out by Mr Hildyard at £120 per cut. There were 13 cuts last year, a total of £1,300. In 2017 £1,330 for 14 cuts.

#### Churchyard Maintenance Payments

Presently £1,500 for the old churchyard and £120 for the old chapel graveyard.

Churchyard – there was an increase made in 2016 from £1,400 to £1,500 and before that in 2013 from £1,300 to £1,400.

Old Chapel Graveyard - there was an increase made in 2016 from £110 to £120 with the previous increase in 2013 from £100 to £110.

#### Bowls and Tennis Club

Presently £1 pa for the Bowls Club. The lease for the village tennis court was terminated by the Tennis Club in September 2007 and the area is to be upgraded to a multi-use games area.

The Bowls Club and Allotments also pay £1 pa. The Bowls Club rent was reviewed in 2016 and remains at £1 pa. It is next due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

#### Contribution to 'Roundabout' costs

This was increased in 2016 from £100 to £125. In 2013 it was increased from £50 to £100 and for 4 years prior to this had remained at £50.

### **11. Review of Risk Management Policy, asset check and risk assessment.**

### **12. Review of Internal Control and Appointment of Internal Auditor. Clerk's report:**

#### Review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control

Councillors to consider the adequacy of the present internal systems based on the following procedures;

1. Signing of cheques – 3 signatures required, clerk and 2 of 3 other approved signatories.
2. Once a quarter a member other than a cheque signatory verify bank reconciliations produced by the RFO who sign the reconciliations and the original bank statements as evidence of verification.
3. Internal Auditor's report prepared annually flagging up matters for councillors to consider.
4. Acting upon the matters raised by the audit.
5. Councillors review financial regulations

LGS Services have previously been appointed as the internal auditor. Recommend their appointment again.

### **13. Roundabout Repairs. Clerk's report:**

Following the acceptance of the quote for repair 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, no firm date for commencement of the work has been provided since the initial indication given for the work to be carried out in February, despite numerous phone calls and emails. Further action to be considered.

### **14. Gliding Club and Little Gransden Aerodrome Local Consultative Committee – the date of next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> April. Any items for the agenda?**

### **15. Highways. A resident has reported the following:**

["Way back in July last year I reported the dead tree on Caxton Road near the footpath, to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and have just received the response below!](#)

[I also recently spoke to some gardeners from Huntingdonshire District Council, who were pruning the shrubs along the footpath adjacent Caxton Road, about the tree but they said that the hedge row which the tree forms part of, wasn't their responsibility.](#)

[Doesn't seem that anyone wants to take responsibility – perhaps you would have more luck via the Parish Council?"](#)

CCC Highways response:

["The issue you raised with us is the responsibility of the relevant District or City Council for this area and you will therefore need to contact them directly with your concerns.](#)

**Your report details:**

**Reference:** 00298806

**Date reported:** 30/07/2018

**Fault type:** Overhanging trees/hedges

**Location:** Adjacent footpath that runs parallel to Caxton Road

**Description of fault:** Large dead tree the branches of which are overhanging Caxton Road and could break off in high winds and cause an accident on the road or injure pedestrians on the footpath”

Two further Highways updates have been received:

“We are pleased to let you know that as part of our planned maintenance programme, we will be carrying out work to address this issue this financial year. At this stage we cannot provide any further timescales or specific dates for this work to be carried out To find out more about the criteria we use when deciding how to deal with highways defects, visit <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/whatwefix>

Your report details:

**Reference:** 00300872

**Date reported:** 02/09/2018

**Fault type:** Kerb damage

**Location:** On the opposite side of the road to 16 Crow Tree Street

**Description of fault:** There are a number of paving slabs edging a steep bank, 2 of which are cracked.

We are pleased to confirm that work has been ordered to address this issue which should be carried out within the next 12 weeks, subject to weather conditions. To find out more about the criteria we use when deciding how to deal with highways defects, visit <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/whatwefix>

Your report details:

**Reference:** 00301689

**Date reported:** 15/09/2018

**Fault type:** Pothole

**Location:** Crow Tree Street, opposite 16 Crow Tree Street.

**Description of fault:** Deep pothole in narrow section of road”

A resident has also raised a concern that the drain in Mill Road is still not functioning properly:

“It is definitely blocked and fills up with water that spills over and floods down the hill whenever we have a lot of rainfall.”

Update on additional matters:

Hardwicke Road sign – email response from 3C Shared Services:

“The sign has been ordered and we are awaiting confirmation from our contractor as to when the sign has been received and installed.”

Hardwicke Road – Councillor West has asked Highways if there is any spare money to carry out maintenance on Hardwick Lane Great Gransden to fill / repair potholes.

**16. Correspondence.** Relevant available information is reported below:

16.1 Local Highway Improvement Scheme – results for 2019/2020 bid:

Huntingdonshire

Panel Members:

Clr Simon Bywater
Clr Tom Sanderson
Clr Steve Criswell*
Clr Ian Gardener
Clr Peter Downes
Clr Mac McGuire

Budget (£) after feasibility £ 155,249.00

\*Clr Adela Costello & Clr Kevin Reynolds attended as subs for Clr Steve Criswell across the two panel dates

App No.	Applicant Name	Road Name/Location	Objective/Issue Description/Location	£ Estimated Project Cost	£ Applicant	% Applicant	£ CCC	Proposed CCC funding	£ Cumulative CCC Total	Av Score	Av Score	Av Score	Av Score	Overall Average Score
41	Waresley-cum-Tetworth	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Waresley/@52.11959,0.03580">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Waresley/@52.11959,0.03580</a>	40mph Buffer Zones	6,327	950	15%	5,377	5,377	£5,377	4.33	4.17	3.83	3.83	4.04
8	Earith Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3565746,0.03580">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3565746,0.03580</a>	MVAS	3,678	1,000	27%	2,678	£2,678	£8,055	3.17	3.50	3.33	3.17	3.29
29	Pidley Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3811462,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3811462,-0.2499283</a>	Give Way feature	17,340	7,340	42%	10,000	10,000	£18,055	3.17	3.17	3.17	2.83	3.08
34	St Neots Town Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2294608,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2294608,-0.2499283</a>	Removal and relocation of Give Way features	14,339	4,339	30%	10,000	10,000	£28,055	3.17	3.00	2.83	3.17	3.04
6	Buckden Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2815697,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2815697,-0.2499283</a>	40mph Buffer Zone and gates	10,293	3,000	29%	7,293	7,293	£35,348	3.17	2.67	2.83	3.00	2.92
3	Bluntingsham Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3565984,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3565984,-0.2499283</a>	Relocate 30mph speed limit, install Give Way feature. Install 40mph	13,099	3,100	24%	9,999	£9,999	£45,347	3.00	3.00	2.67	2.83	2.88
21	Needingworth	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.326423,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.326423,-0.2499283</a>	New Footway	19,731	9,731	49%	10,000	10,000	£55,347	2.83	3.00	3.17	2.50	2.88
19	Hilton	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2800029,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2800029,-0.2499283</a>	MVAS	8,030	1,600	20%	6,430	£6,430	£81,777	3.00	2.83	2.67	2.83	2.83
17	Hall Weston Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2499283,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.2499283,-0.2499283</a>	Speed Reduction	7,500	2,000	26%	5,500	5,500	£87,277	2.83	3.00	2.83	2.67	2.83
37	Tilbrook	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3121285,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3121285,-0.2499283</a>	30mph speed limit	3,930	1,300	33%	2,630	2,630	£89,907	2.50	3.00	2.67	2.50	2.67
12	Godmanchester Town Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3188645,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3188645,-0.2499283</a>	Parking Restrictions	2,775	1,000	36%	1,775	1,775	£71,682	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.17	2.54
46	Yaxley Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.29089,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.29089,-0.2499283</a>	Zebra Crossing	27,354	17,354	63%	10,000	10,000	£81,682	2.67	2.67	2.50	2.33	2.54
11	Folkesworth & Washingly	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Great+Gidding,+Huntingdon,+Cambridgeshire/@52.324472,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Great+Gidding,+Huntingdon,+Cambridgeshire/@52.324472,-0.2499283</a>	7.5t Weight Limit	13,805	3,805	28%	10,000	10,000	£91,682	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.67	2.54
31	St Ives Town Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.324472,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.324472,-0.2499283</a>	Pedestrian Crossing	29,983	19,999	67%	10,000	10,000	£101,682	2.33	3.00	2.50	2.00	2.46
43	Winwick	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4147843,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4147843,-0.2499283</a>	30mph speed limit	8,484	850	10%	7,634	7,634	£109,316	2.50	2.50	2.33	2.50	2.46
1	Abbotsley	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Waresley/@52.11959,0.03580">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Waresley/@52.11959,0.03580</a>	20mph Speed Limit	4,778	1,250	26%	3,528	3,528	£112,854	2.50	2.50	2.67	2.17	2.46
38	Upwood & The Raveleys	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4147843,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4147843,-0.2499283</a>	Give Way Feature Great Raveley	16,619	6,619	40%	10,000	£10,000	£122,854	2.83	2.83	2.00	2.00	2.42
18	Emington Abbots Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3221962,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3221962,-0.2499283</a>	Parking Restrictions	2,775	500	18%	2,275	£2,275	£125,129	2.17	2.33	2.67	2.17	2.33
9	Elton Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.32874,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.32874,-0.2499283</a>	Replace and renovate conservation lighting columns	20,909	10,909	52%	10,000	£10,000	£135,129	2.00	2.00	2.83	2.33	2.29
	Warboys Parish Council	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.400787,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.400787,-0.2499283</a>	Give Way Feature and warning signs	10,624	3,500	33%	7,124	£7,124	£142,253	2.50	2.17	2.17	1.83	2.17
1	Abbots Ripton	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3883128,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.3883128,-0.2499283</a>	MVAS	5,500	1,000	18%	4,500	4,500	£146,753	2.17	2.33	2.00	2.00	2.13
20	Holme	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4740532,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.4740532,-0.2499283</a>	Give Way feature	9,997	1,000	10%	8,997			2.50	1.83	2.00	2.00	2.08
24	Huntingdon TC	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.400787,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.400787,-0.2499283</a>	No Right Turn	5,101	2,550	50%	2,551			2.33	2.17	1.67	2.00	2.04
15	Great Gransden	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.1973842,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.1973842,-0.2499283</a>	50mph speed limit and MVAS	8,008	1,600	20%	6,408			2.00	1.83	2.00	2.17	2.00
16	Great Paxton	<a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Great+Gidding,+Huntingdon,+Cambridgeshire/@52.324472,-0.2499283">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Great+Gidding,+Huntingdon,+Cambridgeshire/@52.324472,-0.2499283</a>	Install 2 x Give Way features	13,313	3,314	25%	9,999			1.67	2.00	1.83	2.33	1.96

16.2. Oil Rebate Scheme – Little Gransden Parish Council has agreed the donation to the Windmill Trust.

16.4. Change of catchment area for Everton Heath Primary School. Email from The Cam Academy Trust:

“Comberton Village College 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

This report is issued by The Cam Academy Trust on behalf of Comberton Village College in response to the consultation undertaken in respect of the proposal to include Everton Heath Primary School in the catchment area of Comberton Village College from September 2020.

Following a concern raised during the consultation period and for reasons of clarity and to ensure openness and understanding we wish to confirm that the proposal was for the Admission arrangements for Comberton Village College to be changed to include Everton Heath Primary School in their catchment area.

The consultation notice was published on the following websites: Comberton Village College, Everton Heath Primary School, The Cam Academy Trust, Cambridgeshire County Council and Central Bedfordshire Local Authority.

Notices were also sent via email to all parents of both schools, as well as local primary and secondary schools in the region of EHPS and Comberton Village College. Further notices were shared with local councillors and parish councils in these areas.

Summary of Responses

A total of 16 responses were received; 14 for the proposal and 2 against. A summary of these responses is detailed below.

Response Received	Number of responses expressing the same or similar views	How has this been responded to?
In favour	14	No response required
Objection on the basis of congestion issues	1	An individual letter/email will be sent to the respondent

Objection on basis of impact on children living locally & what constitutes catchment area	1	An individual letter/email will be sent to the respondent
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In response to concerns raised, we would like to clarify that the tie-break in the admissions policy states that should more applications be received than there are places under any of the over-subscription criteria, offers will be made in order of distance from the home address to the school. This means that those living in the villages closer to Comberton would have an advantage over those living further afield.

The college will continue to seek to ensure that all admissions catchment children will be admitted where possible.

The consultation report has been considered by the CVC Local Governing body who found that in light of the responses received they wish to proceed with the proposed change in the school's catchment area."

#### 16.5. Calor Gas Fund – email from Calor Rural Community Fund:

"Dear Mrs Taylor at Great Gransden Parish Council,

The Calor Rural Community Fund has returned for 2019, bigger and better than before!

Home energy provider, Calor, is offering deserving community projects the chance to win a total of **21 grants**, with prize pots ranging from **£1,000 to £5,000**.

Rural communities off the mains gas grid can now submit their projects for funding, with previous winners including playground and village hall refurbishments, instruments for music banks and equipment for sports clubs.

Now, Calor is encouraging anyone who thinks their project may be eligible to come forward and submit an application for consideration to this year's fund."

#### 16.6. Waresley and Gransden Woods – closure statement from the Wildlife Trust:



**Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire**

#### **Waresley & Gransden Woods Statement: February 2019**

Waresley & Gransden Woods are a nature reserve managed by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire. Over the past decade, the number of visitors has increased dramatically with noticeable impacts on the woods. Many paths have widened, often to three or more metres wide from their original half to one metre wide, causing trampling damage and the loss of woodland flora including bluebells and primroses. The condition of the path surfaces has deteriorated with the clay soils becoming compacted or excessively wet where surface water collects. The ditches either side of the main ride are no longer working effectively, as the path has lost its camber. Increased numbers of visitors and dogs within the woods also causes increased disturbance to the detriment of wildlife.

#### [A new approach to management](#)

The Wildlife Trust's primary objective is to conserve nature. Waresley & Gransden Woods are a nationally important nature reserve with legal recognition as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Wildlife Trust wants people to be able to visit and experience the natural world on our nature reserves, but this must be in a way that does not damage the place they are visiting. As access to the woods is permissive, we have the right to close them.

In order for the Wildlife Trust to maintain public access through the woods we need to take a more active approach to managing access, the woodland habitats and site infrastructure. Over the next 10-15 years, we will need to invest in the wood and implement new measures, which may include:

- Temporary closures of parts of or the whole wood to give the paths a rest and provide undisturbed habitats for wildlife;
- Rationalisation of the entrances and path network;
- Management of access routes including re-routing and temporary closure of paths;
- Improved signage, including way marking and temporary signage explaining closures;
- Increased wardening to explain new access arrangements and site management;
- Management of ride-side ditches;
- Increase in ride-side coppicing to increase light and air reaching path surfaces;
- Path surface enhancements (where these don't destroy the woodland flora, or are otherwise unavoidable); and
- New bridges and gates to allow access for equipment to undertake the above management.

The Wildlife Trust BCN has not yet received any money from recently approved housing developments. The current temporary closure of the woods is unrelated to any recent planning applications, but is part of our revised approach to management as set out above.

However, new housing developments within the surrounding villages will further increase the number of visitors to the woods in the absence of other places to visit. The Wildlife Trust approach is to first seek the provision of alternative new green spaces to avoid additional impacts on the nature reserve. If a developer is not able or willing to provide this then they will need to mitigate the impacts of their development, by making a proportionate contribution to the costs of managing access within the SSSI. This is the basis of the planning agreements negotiated.

#### 16.8. Reading Room water leak – email from Phil Taylor on behalf of the Reading Room:

“Preliminary meter inspections indicate a further potential water leak on the reading room meter. At this stage I do not know if this leak is related to the previous leak in November 2017.

I am going to carry out further checks to confirm the leak. I have been in touch with Anglian Water and obtained a quotation in the name of Great Gransden Parish Council. This quote is for £1375.73 +VAT for one days work, or part thereof, to investigate leak, identify/advise remedial action and potentially effect repairs. Should this work take more than one day additional daily costs will be incurred.”

#### 16.9. Broadband in Great Gransden – email response from Connecting Cambridgeshire to Councillor Richard West’s request for additional information about Broadband speeds in the village:

“We are sorry to hear that some residents in Great Gransden are experiencing slower broadband speeds than expected. The broadband speed delivered depends on a number of factors including the length of the line from the cabinet, the line quality, and the equipment and internal wiring within premises.

Most of the village has now been covered so residents should be able to access superfast broadband, but it’s not automatic, you have to upgrade with your chosen Internet Service Provider to get it. Residents can use the [postcode checker](#) on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website to check if they can get superfast broadband and find useful advice on how to upgrade.

It would help us to investigate the situation with Openreach if residents affected can email us with their address and postcode at [connecting.cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:connecting.cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).”