

## **Clerk's Report**

**Monday 5th October 2020**

**2. Apologies** To receive apologies for absence

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Minutes.** To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **6. Matters Arising**

1. Update on recruitment of new Reading Room Caretaker
2. Bluebell-19 Coronavirus Support Group – Update from Councillor Catmur
3. Reading Room Car Park Update – Update from Councillor Capps.
4. Neighbourhood Plan – report and update from Councillor Pett
5. GRSA Committee – Report from Councillor Ginn
6. Middle Street – Councillors to consider traffic figures from CCC. (previously circulated via email)

**7. Approval of Tree works at the cemetery** Councillors to consider quotations received. (Copies of full quotations sent by email 22nd September 2020)



One of the Conifers in the Parish Cemetery has been damaged by high winds. One of the branches has collapsed, and needs cutting down (as close to the main trunk as possible) and removing.

The Parish Council have wrapped a couple of strings of hazard tape around the fallen part.

The conifer is located about 30m from the top edge of the cemetery, and approx halfway between the cemetery path and the Dole Field railings.

Quotations received:

Charlie Vince	£252.00 (inc VAT)	Full Quotation attached
GTS	£180.00 (inc VAT)	Full Quotation attached
Branching out	£182.00 (inc VAT)	Figure received by email – awaiting full quote

## **8. Replacement Windows & Doors – 18 Fox Street**

Most recent email received from Kathy Render at HDC Planning (see below) following submission of revised drawings. Extension of time granted to 9<sup>th</sup> October for further amendments to be received.

*ORIGINAL APPLICATION NUMBERS: 18/01389/LBC and 18/01388/HHFUL*

*Condition (3) Window*

*The submitted drawing illustrates a window:*

- Stormproof design*
- Drip mould stands out at top of window.*
- No details of materials*
- No details of finish*
- No glazing bars in section drawing*
- No reveals in drawing*

*This is not an appropriate design for this Listed Building and does not provide the information required by the Condition.*

*Condition (4) Door*

*Drawing JD/2019-01.3 illustrates the proposed repair works to the existing doorway which retains the existing doorway and architrave and splices in a limited amount of replacement timber at the bottom of the jambs. This is acceptable from a Conservation perspective.*

*Drawing JD/2019-01.3 shows a door but the materials and finish are: "If suitable use Sikksens – Rubbol Satura Plus to achieve an ebony coloured 'paint' effect. This is not a proposal but a suggestion so does not satisfy the condition. It is also not clear what is being suggested.*

*Also, as the other doors of this Listed Building are painted black a black paint finish would be appropriate here. There is no justification submitted for another finish.*

**9. Local Highway Improvement Bid 2021/22.** Councillors to formally approve and minute for audit purposes the proposed Parish Council donation of £4000.00 towards the LHI Bid.

**10. Clerks Financial Statement** for September 2020 and Budget Review.

**11. Cheques for Approval.** These have been sent previously.

**12. Highways** Any repairs or maintenance needed.

**13. Correspondence**

**1. Skate Park** An email has been received from a resident around the possibility of a skate park within the village.

*I am emailing to ask that the 2 points below be discussed at the next meeting please regarding any Community Infrastructure levy that may be available from the Kingspan development proposed for Eltisley Road.*

*1 - please can the PC consider building a skate park for our village youngsters either within the site or at another suitable site in the village. I am aware that this has been rejected in the past, however we are seeing a growth in village population and having a skate park for our older youngsters not in the playground may be suitable. Older youngsters often struggle for outside entertainment within small villages and our pavements and road surfaces are so broken that skating around this village is difficult. In addition, any new tarmac is within private roads and not accessible to the general public. The muga is well used but again is not available for use by scooters or skateboards. As the Kingspan development will be quite large, hopefully there is room and funding for a small skate park?*

*2 - in addition (or alternately) please can the PC also consider using any CIL for a purpose built building for the before and after school club Barney's? Again the school will need to expand with more children from the Sand Road and Kingspan development and therefore more childcare provision within the village will be needed. The school also relies on having wrap around care and it is a consideration for parents when picking a school for their child. Keeping children in the local school benefits the community and shop and therefore I would assume is desirable? At present Barney's is situated in the Reading Rooms but having a purpose build space and outside space for the children will free up the Reading Rooms to hire out more extensively, and hugely benefit the well-being of the children as they can personalise their space.*

*Thank you so much for your time and consideration and I look forward to any comments or suggestions from the councillors, please let me know if the PC needs any supporting evidence or signatures.*

## 2. Sand Road Development



*May I bring to your attention the state of what used to be a green field! Namely, the one adjacent to the development site on Sand Road.*

*This adjacent field was included in the construction environmental management plan, to be used as a car park, sales area, material storage and site huts. The scale of the actual ground preparation bears*

*no resemblance to the plans, meaning we have lost half of a green field in a rural setting. But perhaps more worryingly, is the degree to which the ground is being prepared for the aforementioned use – with what looks like water and electricity supply, multi-layered groundwork, and possibly a cemented area (there's an area squared off with wood), so I suspect there's the distinct possibility that this will be the first stage in the owner applying for planning permission once the developer leaves, based on it now being a brown field site!*

*Can we please secure confirmation from HDC Planning that this adjacent field must and will be returned to its original green field state once the main site construction is completed and will by no means be allowed to remain as a brown field site.*

*Resident trust is running very thin with this developer and with some land owners who are determined to undermine the nature of our community and the look of our village, hence this request for action.*

### 3. Suspected Box Blight at the Garden of Remembrance

*Just wanted to drop you a line to draw the council's attention to the problem with the box hedge surrounding the memorial area in the Great Gransden church cemetery: it rather looks like a worsening case of box blight.*

*I suspect I'm not alone in the village in very much hoping that my own ancient box hedge and trees won't be affected by this contagious fungus.*

*Would it be possible for the council to arrange for someone to inspect the hedge and if it is indeed a case of blight, carry out the necessary treatment (i.e. removal and destruction of infected material and application of fungicide) or even replace it?*

### 4. Elm Trees – Church Street

*I also wanted to update you regarding the elm trees on the Cambridge County Council land in front of our house. I know that there are a number of people in the village who are concerned about their unruly appearance and that the PC has helped in the past to maintain the trees. We are increasingly rather unhappy with their unruly behaviour as they've started suckering vigorously inside our garden. We've therefore instructed an arboricultural consultant to inspect the trees and prepare a report with his recommendations for how to maintain them taking into account root damage to the wall as well as the health of the trees and their aesthetic appearance. It is my hope that a sensible way forward will emerge from the report which can then serve as a basis for taking the matter up with the County. We will keep you posted.*

### 5. Proposed TTRO Closure of Meadow Road

Details and diversion routes forwarded to Councillors previously. Closing date for comments 13/10/2020. Proposed closure dates 15<sup>th</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**14. Planning**

**PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 20/01400/HHFUSingle  
storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory  
2 Whittets Close Great Gransden Sandy SG19 3AL**