

Clerk's Report

Monday 2nd March 2020

2. Apologies – To receive apologies for absence

4. Minutes. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 3rd 2020 and also 17th February 2020. (These have been sent previously).

6. Matters Arising

1. NDP Report and Update from A Pett

2. Arrangements for VE Day – To discuss any arrangements/ plans for village celebrations.

3. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting (23rd April 2020). To discuss any ideas/suggestions for speakers etc.

7. Cemetery Grass Cutting – To consider revised quote from DP Gardening at £115 per cut for 2020 (Grass cutting of cemetery & Garden of remembrance. Including the strimming of all perimeters & grave stones, clearing loose grass clippings from grave stones).

8. Great Gransden Village Risk register – Report by James Catmur

9. Clerks Financial Statement – Available before the meeting

10. Cheques for Approval – Available before the meeting.

11. Gransden Sportsfield and Recreational Association (GRSA) Report from Nick Ginn

12. Highways To highlight any new issues/concerns

13. Correspondence

1. Village Roundabout (Church Street/Middle Street) The PC have received one offer of help to look after the roundabout. Cllrs to discuss what is required and if payment will be made for purchase of additional flowers/bushes etc.

2. Request for letter in principle 6-8 Fox Street (Supporting documents sent via email previously).

Dear Parish Council,

Please find attached the plans and the highways report for the application to build above the shop. We are requesting a letter in principle showing your support for the project. As you are aware the shop was broken into last year and the burglars tried to gain access through the roof causing damage. As this is a flat roof there is always the danger that this could reoccur. The other reason that we are proposing this work is because the shop alone has not been as financially successful as we had anticipated when we moved to the village in 2005. We have done everything we possibly can including putting a lot more money back into the business with relaunches, refits and more. Unfortunately after all of this hard work and money the shop is still not making the profits it should. With this in mind in order to secure the financial future of the shop this flat would serve as an extra source of income to keep us going and to continue to provide this service to Great Gransden and the surrounding villages. We have spoken to our neighbours at 10 Fox Street and we didn't hear any clear objections. We will also be sharing these plans with them and we have made every effort to keep them in mind when putting these plans together with our architect.

3. Agricole Oil – Consideration for recipient of this year’s £20 award.

4. Price Increase Buchans Landscapes (Email Received)

‘I hope that you have been pleased with our service provision for the 2019 season. The price increase for the 2020 season will be 1%, to cover our ever increasing outgoing wages insurance etc.I hope you find this to your satisfaction and we look forward to working on your behalf this coming year’.

*A 1% increase is approx. £23.50 based on last year’s quote of £2345.48.

5. Old Chapel Maintenance (Confirmation of Recommencement of payments)

‘You may be aware that Mr Richard Sewell gave up maintaining the graveyard in Spring last year and that the Parish Council tried at the time to find someone else to take on the task. Diane Taylor’s email of 11 April 2019 to Chris Duffett refers. No solution was found at the time.

New trustees are now in place for Mrs Ann Dutton’s Charity (the owner of the graveyard) and are in a position to re-commence maintaining the graveyard’.

6. Request for use of Sportsfield (Email Received)

‘My wife and I live in Abbotsley but our daughter goes to pre-school in Gransden. I own a small gym in Eynesbury and was wondering if I’d be able to use the sport field for an outdoor post-school run bootcamp. It would be at around 0930 and aimed at all of the parents in the surrounding villages. There would also be the potential for weekend sessions too. With Spring just around the corner, I think this could be a real success for the locals who aren’t exactly served well in terms of fitness’.

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