

Meeting on 6th January 2020

Clerk's report to councillors

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

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 2nd December 2019 – copy previously provided.

6. Matters Arising: Councillors to provide reports as listed on the agenda.

6.3. Clerk's report on Street Light Energy – Following the instruction to Utility Aid to obtain quotes for street light energy, councillors to consider which provider they wish to proceed with.

7. Cambridgeshire Acre. Email from Cambridgeshire Acre inviting renewal of its annual membership at a cost of £57.

8. Trees & Hedges. Cllr Capps to report on the meetings with the tree surgeons about removal of the churchyard trees if needed together with the costs involved. Also, to consider the cost of the playing field hedge work and to appoint a contractor to carry out the work.

9. Cemetery Extension. To agree on the instruction of solicitors to act on behalf of the vendor and the Parish Council.

10. Multi-Use Games Area. Cllr King to report. The advice received for maintaining the facility includes:

The best time of year (value for money) would be Spring – this allows any Autumn and Winter growth to be killed and cleaned ahead of a busy Spring/Summer play ahead. Other than the yearly service, it is advised for a weekly clearance of leaves/twigs/stones and debris etc. Keeping these on the surface will encourage moss/weed growth and possible surface breakdown when older. Being a SAPCA member, I have to advise a yearly jet wash as this will ensure that the pores of the surface are cleared, any moss that is on the surface is dealt with at the time and it will also mean that the MUGA is pleasing to the eye. As a client, you may wish to consider the surroundings and the play on the surface – if it is open with hardly any shade/cover and the play on the court is minimal, it is likely that moss won't grow as much OR mud/dirt will be brought onto the MUGA to block the pores...then you would consider a wash 18-24 months but like I say, I yearly wash is and will be the best course of action to protect your investment. This will also cover your warranty terms.

11. Sportsfield Grass Cutting. Cllr Ginn to report any update and Parish Council to obtain quotes for next year's grass cutting contract, subject to agreed specification. Councillors to consider the financial contribution towards the 2019/20 contract - £191.28 more than the budget has been spent.

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

13. Cheques for Approval – will be available before the meeting.

14. Highways.

- Email from a resident concerned about the HGVs travelling through the village, particularly trying to get past the school and one seen travelling up West Street, turning into Fox Street and turning left at Plough Corner along Caxton Road.
- Blocked culvert in Mill Road. Cllr Day to report further. Unable to report the problem on CCC's website.

15. Correspondence:

15.1. Request to support the Local Electricity Bill. Email requesting support for this Bill:

Dear Mrs Taylor,

I am writing to ask that you please join 27 Parish, Town and Community Councils that have already resolved to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The ultimate result of this would be:

1. Local communities and businesses could buy their electricity from a local energy company.
2. Building more local renewable energy would be financially viable.
3. Communities would benefit from the revenues that new local energy supply companies would generate, such as more local skilled jobs, energy efficiency schemes and investment in local facilities.

Could you please help by doing the following?

1. Ask Great Gransden Parish Council to support the Local Electricity Bill. A suggested resolution is further below.

2. Sign up to the campaign as an individual, which you can do here:

www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up

Please reply if you would like a more detailed briefing or to ask anything about the Bill or our campaign for it.

Kind regards

Steve

Director

Power for People

www.powerforpeople.org.uk

See a copy of the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Local-Electricity-Bill.pdf>

See a list of the cross-party group of 115 MPs supporting the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-supportive-mps/>

The Councils supporting the Bill are:

Barwell Parish Council, Bideford Town Council, Blackawton Parish Council, Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council, Braemar Community Council, Chesham Town Council, Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Dittisham Parish Council, Great Boughton Parish Council, Hales & Heckingham Parish Council, Humberston Parish Council,

Langford & Ulting Parish Council, Langton Matravers Parish Council, Mungrisdale Parish Council, Newbald Parish Council, Newton and Noss Parish Council, Sandwich Community Council, Scrooby Parish Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, St David's City Council, Studley Parish Council, Sutton St. James Parish Council, Taffs Well Community Council, Tattenhall & District Parish Council, Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council and Worlingworth Parish Council

Council Draft Resolution

That Great Gransden Parish Council

I) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities

II) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

III) further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

15.2. Gransden Muddy Fun Run. Email from the event organiser:

The 2020 event is scheduled for 26th January, can I ask you to raise with the Parish Council and confirm that we have permission to use the rec, and sports field car parking please? The arrangements will be very similar to previous years.

15.3. Badge of Office. To consider purchase of silver bars acknowledging names of past chairmen. Clerk to report further.

15.4. Greater Cambridge Local Plan Issues and Options. Email from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning giving advance notice of upcoming consultation commencing 13th January 2020 and running until 24th February 2020.

It is a very exciting time for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, with work underway on a new joint Local Plan that will affect the future of Greater Cambridge over the next 20 years.

The Councils are preparing to carry out a public consultation called: **Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Conversation**. The consultation will start the conversation about the kind of place we want Greater Cambridge to be in the future. It will explore the ‘big themes’ –climate change, biodiversity, social inclusion and great places - that will influence how homes, jobs and infrastructure are planned, and where growth might go.

This letter is to give you advance notice that our consultation will run between **9am Monday 13 January** and **5pm Monday 24 February 2020**.

We would like your help to spread the word about the consultation to as many people and organisations as possible – we want to hear as many views as possible, particularly from under-represented groups, about what the Councils should include in the next Local Plan.

We have a **poster** that we would be grateful if you could put up if you have a suitable site. We have attached an electronic copy, but will provide hard copies on request. You can post online using #GCLocalPlan as well – look out for our short videos which will be going live at the start of the consultation, and please share to your local social media groups.

During the consultation we will be taking a pop-up ‘roadshow’ to places around the area including shopping centres, schools, community centres and other places where we can reach out to as many people as possible, making it easy for you to spend a few minutes finding out more and sharing your views. Our current **list of events** is attached to this email and you will also be able to find out more when we launch our dedicated Local Plan website in the New Year.

We will also be holding a ‘**Big Debate**’ on the evening of 18 February, where we are inviting local groups to share their ideas about what should be in the Local Plan, in a fun, provocative and lively public event. If you are interested in being one of the groups to present, please contact Hana Loftus at localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org. Also look out for details about how to book your seat in the audience on the night, when we open the consultation in January.

The consultation will go live on 13 January – you will be able to explore all the material, and share your views, on www.greatercambridgeplanning.org

disabled parking is close to the palace entrance. If disabled parking is required, this must be made clear.

* All nominated guests must be British or European Union citizens, although their guest(s) may be of other nationalities. However all guests, nominated or accompanying, must be resident in the United Kingdom.

* Buckingham Palace have specifically stated that late changes to nominations cannot not be entertained by the palace. Therefore once details have been submitted to the Palace by NALC this cannot be changed.

* Please note, in the event they are unable to attend a Garden Party for whatever reason they will not be invited again.

* Invitations will be issued approximately 6 weeks prior to the Garden Party and this pack of information is very detailed.

* Please note, there will be no parking facilities available for guests with the exception of disability badge holders (blue badge holders) which should be noted on the form. The palace will contact that guest requesting details of the disability badge.

End of Report

