

**GREAT GRANSDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Those present were:

Andrew Pett Chairman

Giles Scott Vice Chairman

Diane Taylor Clerk

Michael Capps Parish Councillor

James Catmur Parish Councillor

District Councillor Richard West, County Councillor Julie Wisson

and 9 members of the public

Jeff Gorton Parish Councillor

Nigel Day Parish Councillor

Nick Ginn Parish Councillor

Peter King Parish Councillor

**1.** The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm with a silent prayer

**2. Apologies.** There were no apologies for absence.

**3. Declarations of Interest.**

**Planning:**

14.4. Land adjacent to North West of 43 Mill Road. Nigel Day declared a pecuniary interest as owner of the land.

**4. Minutes** of the previous monthly meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, which had been circulated, were approved and accordingly signed by the chairman.

**5. OPEN FORUM.** The meeting was closed for five minutes. County Councillor Julie Wisson spoke about the county council budget which will be debated by full council in February. She will lobby for the continued subsidy for transport, libraries and recycling centres. The Parish Council's Local Highway Improvement Bid will also be supported. Arrangements will be made to co-ordinate speedwatch sessions with neighbouring villages. District Councillor Richard West spoke about 'Tilted Balance' in the light of recent planning applications referred to the Development Management Committee of Huntingdonshire District Council. He confirmed that Jason Ablewhite is willing to arrange a meeting with parish councillors to discuss the Sand Road application which has been approved. Clare Day provided councillors with some background information to the planning in principle application to erect a dwelling on land adjacent to their present home.

**6. Matters Arising: 6.1. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).** Andrew Pett reported that the November meeting had been cancelled as it clashed with the Development Management Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Parish Council, on behalf of the NDP committee, has received funding of £3,280. More people are needed to join the committee.

**6.2. Residential Development, Land North East of Mandene Gardens.** Giles Scott reported on the outcome of the planning application which had been referred to the Development Management Committee. There was much debate on the topic. Although the consensus was the development was not best for the village, in the absence of the Local Plan 2036, guidance from central government states that applications should be approved unless significant demonstrable harm can be shown. Until the Local Plan is adopted, any other land offered for development in the village will come under 'Tilted Balance'. The footway improvement scheme at the corner of East Street and Sand Road must be completed before the development can be started. Opinion differs as to whether there is sufficient land to complete the footway improvement. Until the Local Plan 2036 is adopted (expected by mid-May 2019), HDC is deemed to have no plan to meet the targets for housing. The Local Plan does not include any land for development in Great Gransden. The application was approved with 6 votes in favour, 4 against and 3 abstentions.

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**Matters Arising – continued:**

**6.3. Little Gransden Airfield and Gliding Club.** Nick Ginn reported on the 2 consultative meetings attended in November. Complaints had been made about helicopters flying from the airfield which had been investigated. The Gliding Club meeting discussed the need to improve the complaints procedure as well as public relations. The planning application to vary conditions had been approved both by South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire District Councils and included a maximum number of aerotows per day and an increase in hours of operation from 8am to 7pm but only for a period of 2 years. This can be monitored by the complaint's procedure as well as representatives from the two district councils who attend the consultative meetings and inspect the logs. No major competitions are planned for next year. The club is looking to update its website to provide better information particularly about complaints.

**6.4. Planning Forum.** Giles Scott reported on the recent training provided by the District Council, covering enforcement, large scale development, clear guidelines on the built-up area and tilted balance.

**7. Local Highway Improvement Bid 2019/20.** Andrew Pett reported that the police would not support a 50mph speed restriction along Meadow Road unless the road/environment reflects the speed or robust speed data is available. The Highways Engineer had prepared a Feasibility Report proposing installation of SLOW markings on the approach to the bend and blind summit warning signs with kicker arrows. Councillors agreed that data collection of vehicle speeds was required to support a reduction in the speed limit and this was not possible before the presentation to the panel on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Councillors will seek to obtain the data next spring. Councillors agreed the Feasibility Report which included safety signs and markings for Meadow Road and a Movable Vehicle Activated Sign. Proposed Andrew Pett, seconded Giles Scott.

**8. Bowls Club.** The Bowls Club is seeking permission from the Parish Council, as landlord, to widen the existing kitchen which will involve repositioning an internal stud-partitioned wall. Councillors agreed the proposal.

**9. Financial Statement** for November 2018. The sheet filed as Appendix No. 1 had been circulated. The statement was unanimously approved and signed by the chairman. Councillors also noted the budget review as at the end of November 2018.

**10. Cheques for approval.** The following payments were approved:

Proposed Andrew Pett, seconded Giles Scott.

Clerk's salary for November 2018	£496.23
Clerk's expenses for November 2018	£8.18
Robert & Margie Mcintosh for Garden of Remembrance	£7.50
Paul Presland for cemetery tree and ground work	£120.00

**11. Dates for Next Year's Meetings.** The proposed dates had been circulated. These were agreed with the exception of the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. The agreed dates are Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> (for the Annual Parish Meeting), May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**12. Highways.** There are outstanding issues with pot holes in Hardwicke Road and the light in West Street which has still not been connected. The Highways sub-committee will consider whether the number of signs around the village should be reduced and look at ways to improve safety at the end of Little Lane. The committee will report to councillors at the next meeting.

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**13. Correspondence. 13.1.** In the light of the Court of Appeal decision as advised by the Parish Council insurers, councillors considered whether a more frequent inspection of the village trees is needed. The present strategy is to survey every 3 years followed by annual lay inspections in the following years. Councillors agreed that an annual survey/inspection should be carried out. The cost should be less than the original survey. The clerk will enquire about cost and the best time of year for inspection.

**13.2.** Local Plan 2036. The inspector has made his recommendations and if accepted by the District Council, a statutory full public consultation will follow.

**13.3.** Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council seeking a financial contribution towards the cost of cycle training in schools from April 2019. Councillor Julie Wisson agreed to find out more information.

**13.4.** A local resident had made a suggestion for safety improvements to the Sand Road junction by a 4-way stop with road markings to make traffic stop at the junction from whichever direction they approach. Whilst councillors considered this a possible solution to the constraints of the existing junction, any proposals were considered premature until the outcome of the current proposed improvement scheme submitted by Catesby Estates is known.

**14. Planning. 1. 18/02351/TREE Two mature willows - re-pollard back to previous pruning points, 19 Middle Street.** Councillors unanimously agreed the proposed maintenance work. Proposed Jeff Gorton, seconded James Catmur.

**14.2. 18/02269/FUL Erection of a single dwelling with associated amenity area, following the demolition of an existing commercial premises Units 1 To 2 at Leycourt Eltisle Road.** Councillors noted the revised plans. Councillors had recommended refusal last year when a similar application had been made relating to the commercial premises. Comments were made on the effect of tilted balance and whether lack of sustainability could still be used as a reason for recommending refusal. Andrew Pett proposed '**Refusal**' on the grounds (1) the proposed development is unsustainable as specified and detailed more fully in reason 1 of the Refusal of Planning Permission relating to the earlier application 17/01460/FUL and (2) there is no evidence that anything has changed regarding protected species as detailed in reason 2 of the Refusal of Planning Permission relating to the earlier application 17/01460/FUL. Seconded by James Catmur and carried unanimously.

**14.3. Proposed Residential Development on land to the west of West Street.** There had been a recent public consultation event outlining the proposals for housing. Concern was expressed about too rapid an expansion of the village. An online survey is available until 9<sup>th</sup> December for residents to complete and details will be put on the Parish Council website.

**14.4. 18/02481/PIP Erection of a dwelling (planning in principle) land adjacent to the North West of 43 Mill Road.** Nigel Day, having declared a pecuniary interest, took no part in the discussion and left the hall. Councillors considered whether there was a difference between outline planning and planning in principle. Councillors agreed that the land in question is outside the built-up area, it being an isolated development sitting outside the 30mph limit. The proposal to gift a piece of land to extend the windmill plot is a separate issue and should not be a condition of planning. Based on a consistent approach with similar applications, Andrew Pett proposed '**Refusal**' on the grounds that it is outside the built-up area and a departure from the Local Plan. Seconded by Giles Scott and carried with 6 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

**The Next Meeting has been arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

This meeting closed at 9.25pm.