

GREAT GRANSDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3rd September 2018

Those present were:

Andrew Pett Chairman

Giles Scott Vice Chairman

Diane Taylor Clerk

Michael Capps Parish Councillor

Peter King Parish Councillor

Jeff Gorton Parish Councillor

Nigel Day Parish Councillor

Nick Ginn Parish Councillor

James Catmur Parish Councillor

District Councillor Richard West, County Councillor Julie Wisson

and 4 members of the public

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.** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Minutes** of the previous monthly meeting held on 6th August 2018, which had been circulated, were approved and accordingly signed by the chairman.
5. **OPEN FORUM.** The meeting was closed for twenty minutes. County Councillor Julie Wisson spoke about the proposed route for the Oxford to Cambridge Rail link which had been put forward by a pressure group. More information is needed on the rail link and the A428. Councillors commented that whilst the pressure group from South Cambridgeshire is seeking support for their proposal, there appears to be no such support for Gransden villagers from HDC. Further comments were made about the southern route providing no stations whilst the northern route will have stations at St Neots and Cambourne in which case it would not be a fast rail link between Oxford and Cambridge. Councillor Wisson commented that there are county councillors who are on the East West Rail Link Group and involved with Highways England. District Councillor Richard West assured councillors that HDC, as the local planning authority, is speaking to government ministers and Cambridgeshire County Council and will be seeking answers to 2 questions: what is the route of the A428 and where will the Oxford to Cambridge rail link? Once these questions have been answered, consultations can be undertaken but until then it is just rumour. HDC is fully involved in discussions and want the answers to these questions. Alan Rowbotham spoke about the proposed planning application to 8 Crow Tree Street, outlining the reasons for seeking an extension to the property with the submitted plans based on discussions with the conservation officer following a site visit. A Little Gransden resident spoke about the Gliding Club planning application to vary a number of conditions, outlining her objections based on noise, the proposed change to the Club's operating time and the number of daily launches.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - 6.1. **Multi-Use Games Area (Muga).** Peter King reported on the progress of the project, the aim of which is to provide a safe and free sporting facility, especially for the 0-19 age group. It is supported by lots of groups, planning has been granted and the preferred contractor appointed. The project cost is £37,117 which includes a wheelchair access path. Funding of £19,346 has been secured and £780 has recently been received from the Community Reach Fund, providing a total of £20,126, two-thirds of the target. An Awards for All application has been submitted for £9,991 and a decision is due by mid-October. An application will be made to Wren (Landfill Community Fund) for £7,000. Councillors confirmed the clerk's authority to sign & submit the Wren application. If these two funding applications are successful the Parish Council will have achieved 100% of the target sum. The Parish Council will be responsible for maintaining the site. Local businesses will be approached to support the project.

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Matters Arising – continued:

6.2. Cemetery. Jeff Gorton reported that a verbal quote for £60 had been obtained for removing the low branches to 2 trees, clearing the branches overhanging the shed as well as some maintenance work to the shed. A third tree has now been included in the required work and the revised quote is £100 which councillors agreed. Permission for the tree work will first need to be obtained from South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Church Wardens will also be notified.

7. Oxford to Cambridge Rail Link. This had already been discussed in open forum. District Councillor Richard West will be attending a group meeting on 24th September and will provide further information.

8. Financial Statement for August 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 August 2018.

9. Cheques for approval. The following payments were approved:

Proposed Michael Capps, seconded Jeff Gorton.	
Buchans Landscapes for sportsfield grass cutting (July)	£321.00
DP Garden Works for cemetery grass cutting (August)	£100.00
Clerk's salary for August 2018	£499.23
Clerk's office expenses for August	£2.01
Robert & Margie McIntosh for Garden of Remembrance	£7.50

10. Highways. Pot holes in Crow Tree Street and Hardwicke Road will be reported for repair. The damaged Hardwicke Road sign has already been reported. The 30mph sign in Meadow Road which is obscured by overhanging foliage has been reported to the land owner. The 30mph repeater sign in Little Gransden Lane has fallen over and will be reported to Highways. The hedge bordering West Street has brambles overhanging the footpath and will be reported to the landowner. There are also roses encroaching the footpath in Church Street. The concrete by the steps to the playing field is cracked and will be inspected by councillors. It was noted that the repairs to alleviate the trip hazard to the bridge leading to the cemetery had been completed. A lot of dog mess had been seen around the village and a note will be put in Roundabout. Councillors noted the response from CCC concerning the strimming around the elm trees in Church Street, citing the parked cars as the reason why not all of it was done. This would not however have prevented the strimming of the area behind the trees.

Speeding Traffic – councillors noted the email from a villager concerning the speed of traffic along Caxton Road. Andrew Pett reported that speedwatch undertook regular checks to monitor the speed, trying to curb the speed as much as possible. More volunteers would be welcome. It is difficult to monitor the speed in the 40mph zone due to the layout of that section of the road along Caxton Road.

Crow Tree Street Footpath – councillors commented on the poor job. Although the path has been resurfaced the camber is worse. The contractor has tarmacked the entire length of the footpath and no attempt has been made to level out the surface over the crest of the rise and the surface will be slippery. There is a strip of bare earth in long stretches where weeds will grow. Giles Scott reported that at the Panel meeting when the proposed scheme bid was presented, the panel members were most concerned about the camber. The clerk will report the matter to Highways.

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11. Correspondence. 11.1. Peter King and Michael Capps had now removed a section of the barbed wire from the top of the Bowls Club fence following concerns raised by the Bowls Club. The roundabout in the playing field has also been removed temporarily pending repair.

11.2. PCSO Richard Braddick will be attending the October meeting. Any issues for him to consider will be raised at that meeting.

12. Planning. 1. 18/01574/S73 Application for the variation of conditions 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 for application 9000467FUL Cambridge Gliding Club Ltd Gransden Lodge Airfield Longstowe Road. Nick Ginn outlined the revised planning application submitted by the Gliding Club to try to satisfy the objections to the earlier application. He had received no objections from people in Great Gransden.

Condition 9 – councillors commented that presently no more than 40 aerotows are allowed each day unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The proposed variation is to increase this to 60 per day to include self-launching sailplanes, and allowing this limit to be exceeded on no more than 14 days between 1st April and 30th September each year. The previous application proposed unlimited numbers per day. Recommend approval on the ground that the proposed number of no more than 60 launches a day includes aerotows and self-launching sailplanes and the number will be verified by the logs. (Proposed Michael Capps, seconded Jeff Gorton and carried with 7 votes in favour and 1 against).

Condition 10 – councillors made no comment as no change is proposed.

Condition 11 – the proposed variation is to allow the use of self-launching sailplanes with a noise measurement of a maximum 68dB(A). Recommend approval of the variation subject to it being a condition that it is mandatory for pilots of self-launching sailplanes to follow the same tow out route guidance as that used by aerotows rather than just being briefed. (Proposed Giles Scott, seconded Nick Ginn and carried with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention).

Condition 12 – presently the hours are 9am to 6pm and the proposed variation will increase this to allow launching by aerotow or self-launching sailplane between 8am and 7pm. Councillors saw no need to change the hours and proposed **refusal** as the proposed change in hours is excessive and the current number of hours is sufficient. Proposed Andrew Pett, seconded Giles Scott and carried unanimously.

Condition 13 – as with the previous application, councillors unanimously agreed the proposed variation is a sensible way of measuring noise based on decibel limitation rather than on horse power of the machine.

12.2. 18/01469/HHFUL Erection of garden shed/gazebo 47 Audley Close. Jeff Gorton proposed ‘**Approval**’ on the ground that it is not detrimental to the modern housing. Seconded by James Catmur and carried unanimously.

12.3. 18/01620/HHFUL and 18/01621/LBC Single storey rear extension (against previous single storey rear extension) 8 Crow Tree Street. Councillors commented on the need to encourage the maintenance of listed properties as well as providing modern facilities. Jeff Gorton proposed ‘**Approval**’ on the ground that it sympathetically enhances a listed building. Seconded by Giles Scott and carried unanimously.

12.4. 17/02299/HHFUL Fire damage repairs 22 West Street. Councillors noted the revised plans. The issues seem to have been resolved to enable the repairs to commence.

12.5. 17/01375/OUT Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 40 dwellings Land North East of Mandene Gardens. The planning application is to be referred to the Development Management Committee on 17th September 2018. Giles Scott agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council and put forward the case for refusal to include photographs of the Sand Road junction. Councillors had asked the planners to involve the conservation officer due to the concerns regarding the effect of the proposed scheme on a listed building.

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Planning – continued:

12.6. Reading Room Cottage. Planners have asked for existing and proposed scaled floor plans and elevations to identify the positioning of the replacement door and window in relation to the entire building. Councillors commented that it would be a waste of public funds to incur the cost of an architect and could see no justification. Clerk to provide the planning officer with photographs of the front door and rear window in relation to the street scene to enable identification.

The Next Meeting has been arranged for Monday 1st October 2018

This meeting closed at 9.20pm.