



Clerks Report to the Full Council Meeting on **Wednesday 12th February 2025** at **19:30, Winterton Hall, Plaistow.**

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Planning Matters

See Clerk's Report

1. **Local Plan Examination. Recommendation:** - to note any update.

Update DC C. Todhunter.

We have now received the Post Hearings Letter from the Inspectors, which is published online and can be found at [this link](#). The positive news is that the Inspectors consider that the Plan can likely be made sound, subject to the main modifications that they have laid out. Officers will now finish the preparation of these before submitting them to the Inspectors in February.

There will need to be further consultation on these main modifications, but it is unlikely that further hearing sessions will be required. With a fair wind it is hoped that the plan can be adopted by Full Council in late summer. Hopefully that assists Parishes with any Neighbourhood Plan timelines.

The Planning Policy Team will provide an update to Parishes at the All Parishes Meeting on 3rd February (on Zoom this time).

Report from All Parishes Meeting 3rd February 2025

see clerk's update 5.

2. **Neighbourhood Plan. Recommendation:** - To note any update.

Following the NP Working Group meeting on 21st January 25 the Draft Plan D4 has been sent to the Planning Consultant to address the comments from the Meeting.

The Local Green Spaces Consultation is ongoing, and comments have been received. The Letters informing owners of residential Non-Designated Heritage Assets have been sent out.

The Community Asset of The Tennis Courts at Plaistow Village Hall has been identified and otherwise Community Assets is to be a general aim.

Following the Clerks attendance at the NALC Rural Realities webinar the following information may be useful to the Parish Council.

ACRE are anticipating an imminent Government consultation regarding Community Benefits and local infrastructure projects. This is important for our area in connection with solar farms. The strategy could be adopted to follow that of Wales and Scotland where there is an expectation for local communities to have an "Option" to partner in the infrastructure project achieving long lasting benefits for the community.

In view of this, would it be sensible for the NP to contain an Aim to investigate all such projects on behalf of the community for community benefits?

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Financial Matters

See Clerk's Report

1. See Clerks Report- Playground Inspection Contract 2025/2026

Recommendation: To reappoint exiting contractor to carry out inspection and regular maintenance for Lady Hope Playpark for 2025/2026.

The prices for the various inspections remain the same as for 24/25 .

Maintenance and Runway Service visits @ Lady Hope Playpark - once a year

- Tightening of loose fixings
- Replace missing fixings (Standard M8 / M10 bolts, screws, washers, nuts etc.) Non standard would be advised and quoted.
- Replace missing caps (Standard M8 / M10 bolt size) Non-standard would be advised and quoted.
- Removal of graffiti – offensive graffiti removed immediately, excessive amounts to be quoted.
- Sanding down rough timbers – excessive amounts to be quoted • Oiling / greasing of noisy fixings.
- Adjusting self-closing gates where required.
- Runway Service

1. Full inspection of runway Cable and fixing points

2. Remove jockey, grease bearings & change brake blocks if necessary. 3. Change finger guards if necessary.

4. Remove seat chain cover to fully inspect supporting chain links

5. Tension zip wire with seat min 400mm from ground underweight.

6. Adjust stop and start spring distance if required

• Full report to be provided. Subtotal: VAT Total Vita Play Limited £ 650.00
Per Visit £ 130.00 £ 780.00

Operational Inspection @ Lady Hope Play Park once a year

- Tightening of loose fixings
- Removal of graffiti – offensive graffiti removed immediately, excessive amounts to be quoted.
- Sanding down rough timbers – excessive amounts to be quoted Subtotal: VAT Total £ 141.75 Per Site £ 28.35 £ 170.10

Annual Inspection @ Lady Hope Play Park once a year Subtotal: VAT Total General Notes: £ 232.73 Per Site £ 46.54 £ 279.27

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Play Parks

See Clerks Report

1. Kelsey Hall Playpark:

Recommendation: - to receive an update on this project.

The ground has been cleared and the hedge cut back tree branches to above head height cut off, to allow space for the installation.

CDC have been asked to give a view on whether planning permission is required.

A meeting was held with CDC regarding funding which could be up to 50%. Applications are due by 7th February for an April decision and there after in April for a June decision if the scheme persists under Unity. If the play equipment is to be installed ahead of the grant funding application, then peripheral items could be applied for such as fencing /benches/bins/bike rack.

Play Dale have been asked for a re quote with additional surfacing.

2. Lady Hope Playpark:

Recommendation: - to note the update on maintenance and the inspection report.

Roundabout- Medium Risk

Clearance between the underside of the roundabout and the surface is too low in places. Recommendation: Re-install unit or adjust surfacing to allow the recommended height of 60-100mm. Bearing worn causing lateral and vertical movement of the unit. Recommendation: Consider replacing/serviced bearing.

All other risks identified are low.

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Clerk's update & items for inclusion on a future agenda

See Clerk's Report Recommendation: - To receive general updates and resolve to add any matters arising to a future agenda in relation to: -

1. Winterton Hall CIO: A search was carried out of the locked cupboard by forcing entry to find original conveyance and leases etc to establish colours on maps referenced in the document.

The originals were not found and so Plan B to prepare the statements of truth / statutory declarations to support the Land Registry application for first registration. Clerk to speak with Kevin Allard solicitor re the drafting of these documents for signing.

2. Crouchlands Entrance Area community orchard. The clerk met with the CDC Tree Finding Officer who gave approval for the funding but the National trust do not own the land and there is no registration on Land Registry and so the application for funding could not go ahead.
3. Duck Crossing warning signs. An estimate of cost of corrugated plastic signs fixed by cable ties in two locations on rails either end of the pond using a design from pictures on A 3 from the school scanned in and sent to the PC would be £35. Perhaps a prize from the PC for the two best designs?
4. Plaistow Green Remedial Volunteer Works: Paul Jordan has carried out some repairs to the playground fence and the door handle at the cricket pavilion he notes the grass on the green in places needs raking to remove debris on the grass before the growing season. Sarah Denyer reports mud and debris around the Chalk Rd bus stop for clearing up and possible bulb planting in the area. A small group to be organised.
5. CDALC Meeting 3rd February 2025:

Updates on:

NPPF – Local Plan- Devolution- Local Government Reorganisation.

NPPF 24:

- Transitional Arrangements mean the Local Plan will need the 20% increase in housing as a buffer from July 2026.
- The restriction on onshore wind power for England is removed and there is great emphasis on low carbon energy creation.

Local Plan:

- Once the Plan is adopted the housing dpa will be 575 and CDC will have its 5YHLS.
- The buffer comes in in July 26 and they haven't ruled out more sites to come forward through the DPD.
- The Local Plan will be current for 5 years but only ever as good as its 5YHLS position. Thereafter a requirement under the new housing calculation for 1305dpa from 2030/2031 onwards under a new Local Plan.
- Consultation on modifications which have arisen through the post hearing letter received from the Examiner will be during March/April and all being well the Local Plan will be adopted in June/July 25.
- One modification is to ensure Strategic Wildlife Corridors feed through to Neighbourhood Plans.

Devolution:

- This will result in a Strategic Authority with a population coverage of over 1.5m with elected Mayor.
- It will cover strategic matters such as Strategic: Planning, Transport, Environment, Business and Safety. This will cover WSCC ESCC and B & H a population of 1.7m a proposal has been submitted and a response received that it will progress from March 26.

Local Government Reorganisation:

- The day to day running remains with the Local Authorities which may become a unity authority three Unity authorities expected across West Sussex.
- Outline proposals are to be submitted by March 2025. If fast tracked they will come into effect April 27.
- Elections in May 27 unlikely in their current form as well as for Parish Councils.
- The number of CDC officers will be reduced.

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Correspondence

1. CAGNE Correspondence

Dear Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council

CAGNE has now launched 'round two' in the fundraising to oppose a new runway at Gatwick Airport.

We would like to ask if you would join others in donating to fund this opposition, please? Funds continue to be used to engage legal and qualified experts in producing a robust response to the recent Secretary of State letter and Gatwick's response.

You can donate via the crowdfunding link here -

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stop-the-new-runway-at-gatwick-airport>

or at www.cagne.org

or by bank transfer to a community (business) account of CAGNE, NatWest, account number 19865090 sort code 60-11-17.

or by post c/o The Treasurer, Porters Farm, Friday Street, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 4QA cheques made payable to 'CAGNE'

Gatwick Airport has not yet secured a new runway – the Secretary of State for Transport (Heidi Alexander) will decide this on 27th February. Whatever her decision, we will need to take action quickly to ensure this environmental disaster is not allowed.

Will you help by making a donation, however big or small?

Communities will only have 10 days to either serve a Judicial Review (there is much to challenge this application on through poor procedure) or support Heidi in opposing a new runway, as Gatwick are sure to continue to put forward a legal fight if they don't get their way.

If approved, the new runway would –

- **Increase in aircraft noise** – an additional 101,000 flights a year to 386,000 flights a year going from 46.6m passengers to 80m with no cap.
- **Further decline in air quality** directly from the airfield and roads

- Potentially add **new flight paths** to reach economic growth for the airport
- **Add** a significant amount of **carbon (1 – 1 1/2m tonne a year) and greenhouse gases** whilst SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel), an alternative fuel, produces the same as fossil fuel when burned!
- **Increase lack of affordable housing** locally to enable workers to walk or cycle to work as well as an increase in lack of amenities.
- **Offer low skilled jobs** with little job security due to the volatile nature of the airport's seasonal leisure business and automation.
- **Increase traffic jams as Gatwick sits on a single main road**, the M23 which is deemed an unsafe smart road.
- **Place over 32m passengers on the non-expandable Brighton Main Line**

CAGNE is your umbrella aviation community and environment group for Sussex, Surrey and Kent. Thanks to kind donations CAGNE has led the way in opposing this new runway and you can trust us to speak up for all residents and the planet.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Cadman

Treasurer

On behalf of the CAGNE committee

2. South and SE In Bloom

At South & South East in Bloom, we take immense pride in our active participation in the prestigious Britain in Bloom Campaign, a celebration of the beauty and vitality of our landscapes.

We understand the powerful role our Parishes play in shaping the identity and culture of British Life. A few years ago, we introduced a unique initiative designed specifically for Parishes, inviting them to join us. This program has not only fostered a surge in community involvement but has proved to have strengthened our unwavering commitment to nurturing community spirit as well as improving the health and wellbeing of people within our region.

Over the years, the essence of Bloom has been transformed significantly. It has moved away from a narrow focus on lavish and sometimes unsustainable floral displays to embrace a broader and more meaningful mission. Today, we highlight the importance of environmental initiatives encouraging deep and meaningful engagement within our communities promoting shared responsibility among local residents and enthusiastic volunteers. This approach underscores our belief that sustainable practices, paired with active community participation, are vital for enhancing the charm and resilience of our neighbourhoods.

We are dedicated to the encouragement of creating vibrant, inviting places with the need to acknowledge the amazing results achieved by volunteer groups and others.

Should this be of interest and if you would like more information I please let me know. I enclose an assessment sheet for your perusal.

Best Wishes,

Ian White

South & Southeast in Bloom Trustee, Ambassador & Judge

Section A - Community Involvement (40% or 40 points)

Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)

Section C - Gardening/Horticulture/Conservation Achievement (30% or 30 points)

3. Secured Signing Price Increase – 10% Currently £9.95 per month increase to £10.94

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Consider upgrading to an annual or a three-year plan before March 1, 2025. Reach out to us at helpdesk@securedsigning.com to get a quote.

Quote received: 30th Jan 2025

Mike Eyal (Secured Signing)

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Annual plan is minimum 600 docs,
3 years plan pay upfront for 3 years cost for 1 user and 1,800 docs **over 3 years is GBP 750.00 FOR 3 YEARS.**

Let us know and we will create custom plan for you.

This should be done by Feb 25th 2025.

Regards Mike Eyal - Support - Team Leader

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