MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

9th APRIL 2026

Councillor's Present: M Stevenson (MS), B Preece (BP), S March (SM), R Biggs (RB), R Kuca (RK).

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk)

Open Session: A Parishioner enquired about garden maintenance relating to the Cemetery. (SM) said that a Gardener had expressed an interest in doing maintenance work and she would pass on the details. The Parishioner also asked about bins for the Cemetery. Agreed that Clerk would contact RBC to enquire about an extra Grey bin and extra Green bin sticker (both for Cemetery)

Cllr Grocock and Cllr Pearson updates: None Given

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** T Fewell (TF), M Tubbs (MT), C Grocock (CG)
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None Stated
3. **Approval of minutes 12th March 2026 to be signed:** Signed by Chair (MS)
4. **Review of previous actions:**

   CPR Training Update: (Clerk) informed Cllrs that a training session has been arranged at the Village Hall for midday 23rd May. (RK) said that there was no guarantee that the Community Coffee Morning would still be held on that day. Cllrs also agreed that a donation would be made to the body running the training course.

   Speed Awareness Vehicle: (Clerk) said that he was receiving no response from our designated Police contact. (BP) suggested that we try Cropwell Bishop PC for advice as they have had the use of a Police Speed vehicle recently.

   Rocking Toilet Seat: (Clerk) stated that a plumber had attended the Village Hall and fixed the problem.

5. **Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting:**

   National Lottery Terms & Conditions. RBC Consultation EMA Strategic Plan. NALC events. NALC Toolkit for contacting MPs. Church Repairs photos.

   Correspondence read out to Cllrs.

6. **Village Hall Cleaning:** A Parishioner said that she was willing to come do the cleaning on a volunteer basis with no pay for the next 3-4 months if the PC look to employ a cleaner who can attend on a regular basis. The point was made that the present arrangement of a cleaner attending once a fortnight was not particularly satisfactory as this rarely aligned with actual booking so couldn't guarantee that the Hall would be clean in advance. Cllrs agreed that Clerk would advertise the position on Facebook/Notice Board/Website. Also agreed for the present cleaners to attend one final time. A rota was discussed but (RK) pointed out this would not be easy to organise.

7. **Church Maintenance Repairs & Fund Raising:** Anna Betts representing All Saints Church stated that she had forwarded photo images of all the building/maintenance work required at the church to the Cllrs. The estimated cost of this work is £7,000 approx, with £3,000 raised through grants so far, another £4,000 approx still to be raised and would the PC be willing to help with this. The consensus of Cllrs was that they are willing and keen to help. (RB) said a fund-raising meeting was approaching relating to the Summer Fete and could suggest the idea of monies raised, being used for the Church repairs. (MS) & (RK) urged caution on this point and stressed that we need to see the building work completed for the Village Hall first, as until the builder starts working, we won't know if any hidden unforeseen costs.

8. **Village Hall Repairs:**

   8.1 **Choosing a builder update:** (RK) said that a builder has been approached and that they have accepted the job of repairing the Village Hall roof.

   8.2 **Additional Scope of Works, Toilet Roof:** (RK) informed the Cllrs that the builder is planning to begin work after the Summer Faye in Early July. This means that there won't be scaffolding in place during the Summer Faye that weekend. (RK) has stressed to the builder that access to and from the Village Hall will need to be maintained for the duration of the work. Also, stated that builder will look at the toilet roof at the same time. (Clerk) remined Cllrs that the National Lottery terms & conditions state we can only use the grant money for repair work to the roofs of the Village Hall.

9. **Food Waste Collection**: (RK) wanted to highlight to the meeting that from April 2027 onwards, RBC are obliged to move to a new system of downsized Grey bins but with additional food waste bins for everyone and is concerned people will find this an upheaval. (MS) will consult with (CG) on this matter and try and obtain further information, but also, are RBC planning to hold any consultation with anyone.

10. **Bookcase Re-location Review:** On reflection, Cllrs felt that placing books in the Bus shelter not to be a good idea as conditions would prove to damp an environment for them. (RK) will monitor how many books are actually being taken out and used, in order to try and determine whether there is a justification for the Bookcase remaining. (BP) said she had received comments from concerned Parishioners relating to the Bookcase being removed.

11. **Sandpit Sand and Equipment:** (RK) stated he would purchase new rope, new sand (as level getting low) and maybe new toys as present ones didn't seem in very good condition.

12. **Planning Applications:** Reference Number: 26/00477/AGRIC
    Applicant: Mr Edward Player
    Development: Proposed barn
    Location: Land North Of Granby Lane Whatton Nottinghamshire

13. **Planning Notification: None Notified**

14. Section 106 Agreement – Off Sutton Lane Development:

12.1 Any updates: (MS) said that still in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with the other parties concerning the Section 106 Agreement, will keep trying.

15. Finance:

15.1 Approve End of Month Balancing for Feb 26: Approved by Cllrs

To approve all payments – paid & to be paid – Accounts shown in separate Appendix. Approved by Cllrs

Unity Trust Current Account balance (as at 04/04/26)	**£ 3,196.61**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 04/04/26)	**£ 7,021.10**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 04/04/26)	**£ 40,734.47**

16. Councillor's Reports: (RK) said he would liaise with Gardening contact with ref; to trimming box hedges in the Cemetery. Also, the hedge on the corner of Granby Lane has finally been replanted. (RK) also stated that he is planning to replace the hardwood backing of the Cemetery sign with a new piece of hardwood. Wondered how practical to replace the front part of the sign, will ask (MT) to speak with A W Lymn's to ascertain level of complexity as they have experience in the area.

17. Chair's Reports: (MS) highlighted the fact that it was the last PC meeting for (SM) who is retiring as a Cllr and presented a thank you gift of Orchid plants from the other Cllrs to her.

Meeting closed at 20.20

Signed (Chair)…….. **Date**……..