DRAFT MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

13th NOVEMBER 2025

Councillors Present: T Fewell – Chair (TF), M Stevenson (MS), M Tubbs (MT), S March (MS), R Biggs (RB),

B Preece (BP), Cllr S Pearson (SP), Cllr C Grocock (CG).

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk).

Open Session: (SP) informed the Cllrs that Notts CC have stated their proposal for Local Govt reform and that in his view the City Council have their "eyes" on the parts of Rushcliffe with high ratable value homes such as West Bridgford. (RB) asked if West Bridgford lost to RBC could this mean higher Council Tax bills to make up the shortfall – (SP) replied to it could.

(SP) also talked about the new Notts CC attempts to save money and new road schemes such as A46 duelling around Newark.

(TF) asked about the axing of Police Crime Commissioners – (SP) confirmed that all are to be axed.

(CG) advised Cllrs that all the PC's have now signed up to the Neighbourhood Plan scheme and it has now been submitted to RBC and we are now awaiting their response. (CG) expressed the view that a Steering committee will need to be created and that all members should preferably come from the PC's in the area itself. (CG) also informed the meeting that a flood warning had been issued that day (13th Nov) for the River Smite for the next 24 hours. On the matter of the stollen caravan in Granby, (CG) stated that he had not had a response from the Police. (TF) said he would also chase them up as well.

Regarding the question of CCTV (CG) stated that GCSPC would need the permission of VIA and Notts CC to erect cameras on their lamp posts and also have to be compliant with the Surveillance Commission. (RB) asked whose responsibility would it be to monitor the camera footage? The reply from (CG) was that the PC would have to monitor it as would be deemed a poor use of Notts CC's time to monitor a rural village.

A Parishioner expressed real concern with ref; to the proposed Allotment/Nature Reserve/4 new houses development in Sutton that after 3 months a Section 106 Agreement is still not in place and the longer it is allowed to drag on the greater the chance that the proposed scheme could fall apart. (MS) replied that a 106 Agreement has been drawn up by the Applicant ready to send to the RBC Planning Department but would still chase up the Applicants Architect to ascertain what progress has been made.

(TF) stated that important to continue pressing ahead with the creation of an Allotment Society as a condition is that new Allotments are in place before construction of the houses can begin, hence why important that (MS) was holding a meeting in the Village Hall the next day ref: creation of an Allotment Society.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** Received from R Kuca (RK).

2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None Stated.

3. **Approval of minutes 9th Oct 2025 to be signed:** Signed by the Chair (TF)

4. **All Saints Church Funding:** (BP) asked on behalf of a Parishioner and Church representative that once the PC has finished with funding for "Raise the Roof" can help be given to All Saints Church to help with their funding requirements for repairs to be carried out on the structure of the Church itself. The Cllrs expressed their support for the idea/request.

5. **Review of previous actions:**

   Defibrillator Update: (Clerk) advised Cllrs that there has been a successful £2,000 Grant Application awarded from ST Water towards the cost of 2 x new Defibrillators. Agreed that as soon as the award appears in the PC's bank account, the Clerk can begin the immediate process of purchasing the new Defibrillators.

   List of Road repairs: (Clerk) stated a list of road repairs around the Parish to be compiled, so far, he had received one from (MS) but requested other Cllrs email theirs if they have any.

   Lengthsman Scheme: (Clerk) showed the Cllrs of copy of a claim form from another PC as an indication of a format we could follow when claiming against this scheme. Clerk asked that Cllrs email him whenever a job is carried out so that the Clerk is the one with the centralised list.

   Costs of .gov.uk email address: (Clerk) gave costs of swopping to new email address's which are £50.00 per year for the .gov.uk domain and £49.99 per year for the 8 email accounts that would be needed. Whilst Cllrs accepted we will have to swop over eventually, the unanimous view was that we should wait until we are told to do so.

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

   Notts Police PSM Agenda. Town & Parish Update – Free Tree Scheme. NALC Chief Exec newsletter. Notts ALC Nov newsletter. Refusal of planning application 25/01516/FUL

   Correspondence was read out to Cllrs, (MS) commented that the Nature Recovery strategy email sent recently was very interesting and useful knowledge for the forthcoming Nature Park.

7. **Village Hall Repairs: Update:** Although no building updates given, (RB) gave plans for Christmas Lights Walk for children culminating at Village Hall on Dec 19th, and also another event planned for end of March 26. (TF) stressed that another benefit of these events is that a younger demographic of parents is getting involved in village events.

   (TF) informed the meeting that a grant application to the Local Community Fund run by Notts CC has now been submitted, the (Clerk) will now look at submitting an application to the National Lottery after consultation.

8. **Planning Applications: None Received**

9. **Planning Notification Refused**

   Ref No: 25/01516/FUL

Applicant:	**Mr Mark Harrison**
Development:	**Full planning permission for demolition of agricultural buildings & erection of no. 1 dwelling.**
Location:	**Land Field to the South of Belvoir Vue, Sutton Lane, Granby**

A Parishioner asked if the PC had commented or objected to this application before the Refusal decision, (TF) replied that the PC had done neither.

9.1 Planning Notification Granted

Ref No:	**25/00173/CONCARE**
Applicant:	**Mr Ben Creasey**
Development:	**Re-pollard a Pear Tree**
Location:	**Hill View, Willow Close**

Noted by Cllrs.

10. Finance:

10.1 New End of Month Balancing for Sept 25: Approved by Cllrs.

(MT) informed Cllrs that £580.00 in cash for the Chilli - Race Night had been handed to the Clerk who would be paying this money into the Fund-Raising Account.

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

Unity Trust Current Account balance (as at 08/11/25)	**£ 6,853.00**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 08/11/25)	**£ 6,895.84**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 08/11/25)	**£ 7,149.22**
Sumup (as at 08/11/25)	**£ 55.55**

11. **Councillor's Reports:** (RB) talked about on-line voting for Parishioners as a way to express their views on local matters and help the PC gauge local opinions on such matters. (TF) Advised that a facility for this already exists within the website functionality. Agreed that this would be investigated although (MT) cautioned that this would not be suitable for all residents.

(MT) informed the meeting that the footbridge linked to Footpath No.3 off Sutton Lane is now reopened with new handrails and barge boards installed.

(MS) told the PC that he was holding a meeting at the Village Hall the following evening to discuss an Allotment Society. To be followed by another meeting on the 21st Nov to hopefully elect a committee.

(MS) has also had conversations with a Parishioner who is a Solicitor and may be able to help drawing up a constitution and the legal documents that would be required.

12. **Chairman's Reports:** (TF) referring to the new Allotment/Nature Park scheme in Sutton, said that although the PC would own the land, the intention was for a Trust to run the scheme and not the PC. This also has the advantage of when a Charitable Trust applies for funding it opens all kinds of doors that would be normally closed to a PC applying for the same funding. (TF) also mentioned that he had consulted with another PC that owns a meadow with the day to day running administered through a Trust.

    (TF) stated he wanted to see a pre-budget setting item on the Dec 25 agenda and a budget setting item on the Jan 26 agenda.

    Finally (TF) thanked Parishioner Paul Wood for his kind donation of two Christmas trees to Granby cum Sutton for the forthcoming festive period.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Signed (Chair) …….

Date ……..…….