MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

12th FEBRUARY

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

R Kuca (RK), Cllr C Grocock (CG).

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk)

Open session: A Parishioner started the meeting by making the point that now was the time for planting in relation to the gap in the hedge on the corner on Granby Lane. Next, the Parishioner made clear his dismay concerning 26/00279/FUL and the actions of RBC planning. He was confused as to why they require a Site Survey, Biodiversity Survey and Tree Survey for the matter of moving a gate 30 mts along the hedge. (MT) proposed that the PC maintain that it still supports the application and has no objections. This was passed unanimously. (CG) asked that the Parishioner email him and stated he would investigate the matter.

Cllr Grocock updates: (CG) informed the meeting that Local Govt Reform consultation was now open until March 26th for residents to have their say.

Also, spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan. RBC will now be collating the responses they have received from the public. The next stage will be the creation of a Steering Committee to consider the next steps. (CG) also made the point that funding has been withdrawn for Neighbourhood Plans. A possible alternative source of funding could be the Parishes providing the possible £35-55K budget over a 5-year period. This could equate to £3-4 per household but stressed that nothing has been decided yet.

(BP) enquired with ref; to implication for housing developments, (CG) responded that Neighbourhood Plan legislation has been strengthened to allow for developments to be nearer Public Transport hubs.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** Cllr S Pearson (SP), T Fewell (TF)
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None Stated.
3. **Approval of minutes 8th January 2026 to be signed:** Signed by acting Chair M Stevenson (MS)
4. **Review of previous actions:**

   Rubbish – Gypsy Lane: (Clerk) said that he had been to the site and could not find any rubbish. Due to a misunderstanding, did not realise that Gypsy Lane was a lot further down the road. Will now investigate this site for rubbish and notify Streetwise if required.

   Any update on Kitchen Blind: (RK) has sourced a new blind costing £42 which would require trimming (he is happy to do so) (RB) passed on details of another possible supplier, (RK) will order from one of them.

   Defib box pictures for Severn Trent: (Clerk) updated Cllrs that Severn Trent have been sent photos of their plaques attached to the walls next to the new Defibrillators, and an article will be appearing in the next Newsletter thanking them for the kind grant funding donation. Regarding a CPR training course, (Clerk) still liaising with Community Heartbeat to find a suitable date.

5. **Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting: January newsletter from Notts ALC / Tollerton Airfield Housing – Paused / Town & Parish Forum – 26th March Agenda / Town & Parish Update – Wildflower seeds / Notts Police – PSM 5th Feb.**

Cllrs informed of above and no comments passed.

6. **Public Works Loan / Grant Funding Discussion:**

6.1 **Potential levels of borrowing:** (MT) stated that if this route is followed, the likely size of a loan would now be £15K as £17K has been secured from the Local Community Fund. Cllrs thanked the (Clerk) for his worked on this.

6.2 **Local Funding Route:** Two ideas suggested by (MT) here. Firstly, for a £50 or £100 donation, a plaque would be created, showing the names of Parishioners who have donated to the scheme. (MT) stated he believed that the £50 option would be far better received in the community. (BP) said she wouldn't want the plaque to state how much individuals had actually donated.

Secondly, Promissory Notes, (MT) spoke about this possible idea whereby Parishioners make a payment and receive a Promissory Note from the PC guaranteeing to pay the money back at a later date. (MS) offered the view this would almost certainly have to be paid back through the Precept. (RB) & (RK) both expressed the worry that this would be a lot of future admin work for not a lot of money raised. Agreed that (Clerk) to approach Notts ALC for advice on the legality of the scheme. (RB) said the PC would need to be very clear with the public as to the exact costs and the precise amounts raised from which areas. (MT) said he would ask the question in the next Newsletter to gauge public reaction.

6.3 **Any new Building Quote updates:** (RK) has been in touch with one of the builders who had advised that the quote could be a 10-15% increase from previous price quoted along with a disclaimer comment of "we will only really know once we start the work on the roof" (RK) was hoping to speak to the other builder the following day.

6.4 **Decide on Builder – Is it Possible at Present:** All Cllrs agreed that we are not in a position to ask a builder to commence work yet.

7. **Planning Applications: Reference Number: 25/02135/FUL**

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

Cllrs raised no objections to this application and offered their support.

8. Planning Notification 25/0231/CONARE - GRANTED

Mr and Mrs Dury
Barnsdown
Old Forge Lane
Granby
Nottinghamshire
NG13 9PS **Reduce height of Silver Birch Tree**

Cllrs noted the above.

9. Section 106 Agreement – Off Sutton Lane Development:

9.1 **Any updates:** (MS) showed the meeting the Draft Copy of the Section 106 Agreement and stated that it would require very careful reading before the PC signs it. (RB) asked if once the Parish takes ownership of the land, will we have access to the land ?

10. Finance:

10.1 Approve End of Month Balancing for Dec 25: Approved by Cllrs.

To approve all payments – Accounts shown in separate Appendix. Approved by Cllrs.

Unity Trust Current Account balance (as at 07/02/26)	**£ 5,486.91**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 07/02/26)	**£ 6,972.58**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 07/02/26)	**£ 8,195.26**

11. Back Room Layout Suggestions: (RK) showed other Cllrs his plan for a new layout in the back room which includes 3 new cabinets at a cost of £483 approx, to be paid for by a previous grant. Cllrs gave the go ahead for him to purchase.

12. Book Exchange Shelving: (RK) stated he believes the Cabinet is barely used anymore by anyone as the Village Hall isn't open enough, and as such is in the way and should be re-located. The Church was suggested but (BP) pointed out that the books will only go damp. Not resolved as to what to do with the cabinet.

13. Councillor's Reports: (BP) raised the issue of Tractors driving onto the verges and creating a mud filled mess. Suggested a "Respect Our Verges" sign but not sure if the drivers would take any notice.

(SM) brought up the issue of the blocked culvert on Sutton Lane causing water to over-flow. Also noted that bags of rubbish on Sutton Lane had been removed very quickly be Streetwise.

(MT) was able to confirm to Cllrs that A.W. Lymn have agreed to sponsor the village Newsletter for another year. Also pointed out that the racks inside the oven in the kitchen have disappeared. He will look at the price of replacements.

(RK) reminded everyone of the Village Clear up on Saturday 28th March and asked the (Clerk) to place a reminder on the Website.

(RK) raised the matter of the hedges in the Cemetery. Agreed that (Clerk) to contact the Chair (TF) to see if he has a contact at Hornbuckle's in order to ask if they can trim the tops of the hedges.

14. Chair's Reports: (MS) highlighted a bundle of rubbish down the road from the Sutton Lane crossing and asked the (Clerk) to contact Streetwise.

At the end of the meeting (SM) announced she would be stepping down/retiring as a Parish Cllr in April. The other Cllrs thanked her for all her hard work. (SM) said there were a couple of Parishioners she thought might be interested in being a new Cllrs and would approach them.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Signed (Chair) …… **Date** ……