MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

8th JANUARY 2026

Councillor's Present: T Fewell - Chair (TF), M Stevenson (MS), R Biggs (RB), M Tubbs (MT), B Preece (BP), R Kuca (RK).

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk)

Open Session: No comments made at this point.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** Received from Cllr S Pearson (SP), C Grocock (CG). Not received from S March (SM)
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None Stated.
3. **Approval of minutes 11th December 2025 to be signed:** Signed by the Chair T Fewell (TF)

4. **Review of previous actions:**

   Defibrillator Update: (Clerk) informed Cllrs that the two new Defibrillators were now in place. Cllrs asked that (Clerk) contact Community Heartbeat Trust to arrange a session for interested local Parishioners to familiarise with the new Defibrillators and a CPR training session. Cllrs also expressed their gratitude once again to S T Water for their kind £2,000 grant donation. (Clerk) informed Cllrs that he has affixed S T Water plaque to the Village Hall wall next to Defibrillator. (MS) volunteered to affix plaque to the Defib in Sutton.

   Cllrs were advised that rather than 3 hours once per month, the Cleaners have been asked to attend once every 2 weeks at 2 hours per session. The Cleaners have agreed to this, (Clerk) to monitor.

5. **Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting: Neighbourhood Area application to RBC 6th Feb deadline for consultation. – Decision Notice for 25/10159 FUL – Flooding issue on Sutton Lane from Cllr Pearson. – Notts ALC Newsletter Jan 26.**

   All above read out to Cllrs, (RB) stated that he had already seen workmen attending to the problem area on Sutton Lane.

6. **Spring Village Clean up Discussion:** (RK) made the point that despite discussion on the subject – nothing happened last year. Also, he felt that whilst 1st year was well attended, 2nd year was very poor. (TF) stated that better to wait until grass cutting has restarted as difficult to pick out litter from long grass. Also, event would need to be advertised on Facebook and WhatsApp. Cllrs agreed on 10am Saturday 28th March at the Village Hall.

   (RB) asked would the PC be interested in entering Best Kept Village Award? (TF) said if so, we would need the Garden Club to take an interest. A Parishioner present (who is a member) said he felt it unlikely there would be much support for the idea from them.

7. **Printing costs – Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllrs agreed that Village Hall would be hired out for meetings at no cost to help support the project and assist it in getting off the ground. Cllrs though were not keen on the idea of paying for printing costs of Flyers on an ongoing basis.

8. **Update on Section 106 Agreement – Off Sutton Lane Development:** (MS) said he had established that the 106 Agreement was given to RBC Planning in early December and their response was that it had been sent to "Legal". All the Cllrs stressed their concern and worry at the slowness of progress made by RBC. Agreed that (MS) to contact (CG) and ask him to chase RBC Planning for a response and indication as to when the 106 Agreement will be complete and ready for the PC to inspect.

9. **Blind/Screen for Kitchen Window:** (RK) highlighted the problem of glare from the sun shining through the kitchen window for helpers when washing pots. Agreed he would look at the cost of purchasing a blind. (Clerk) reminded him that we still have not spent the £500 grant from (FPH) so funds are available.

10. Planning Applications: None Received

11. Planning Notification Refusal

REFERENCE NO :	**25/01589/FUL**
APPLICANT :	**Mr Mark Hornbuckle**
DEVELOPMENT :	**Erection of a self-build agricultural dwelling**
LOCATION :	**Land South East Of Sutton Lane Sutton Lane Granby Nottinghamshire**

(TF) noted the reasons RBC Planning had given for Refusal – property not required, not in keeping with the area, applicant not maintaining footpaths.

12. Finance:

12.1 Approve End of Month Balancing for Nov 25: Cllrs approved Nov 25 accounts.

12.2 Budget Setting Discussion: Began with (MT) giving details to Cllrs of ramifications of the PC taking out a loan to help pay for Village Hall repairs. Firstly, the PC does not necessarily have to take out one loan of 30K, it could instead be 3 separate loans of 10K each, loans which once approved could be utilised or not as we chose, and then be individually paid off or settled early. He stressed there could be penalties for early settlement of a loan. (RB) voiced a concern that we can't assume the fund-raising events each year will be enough to meet the repayments of the loan that we would be committed to. (RK) believed there would be an expectation from Parishioners that due to the fund-raising efforts taking place, at some point people will expect to see building work begin. (RB) said that we need to keep the public informed on the direction of travel.

At this point a Parishioner pointed out a Public Subscription was another option which Cllrs noted.

Cllrs agreed that (Clerk) would contact Notts ALC and the Public Works Board to ascertain what information is required and what criteria we would need to meet.

When discussing setting the Precept, (TF) pointed out the "hit" the reserves have taken due to the repairs to the Ceiling in the Village Hall back room, and the fact that our reserve no longer meets the level recommended by NALC. (RK) said not sure if Parishioners will accept a higher Precept to help build back up the reserve.

A Precept figure of £17,095 representing a 14.9% increase was proposed. This was passed by Cllrs with a majority of 5 : 1

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

Unity Trust Current Account balance (as at 03/01/26)	**£ 5,616.91**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 03/01/26)	**£ 6,972.58**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 03/01/26)	**£ 8,091.76**

13. "Councillor Fewell Apologies" (TF) gave his apologies for not being able to attend PC meetings for Feb, March and April. Said he has conferred with (MS) who is happy to stand in as acting Chair for those 3 months. Cllrs agreed to this as well. (TF) also stated he would be honoured to stand again as Chair in May.

14. Councillor's Reports: PAT Testing – (RK) stated he has access to the correct equipment and would be happy undertake this function in return for a donation to the Charity shop whose equipment he would be using. (RK) also reminded everyone that Welcome Wednesday would restart on 14th January.

(MT) informed Cllrs that the History Group would be having an Open Meeting on Tuesday 27th January in the Village Hall with refreshments provided.

(RB) raised the matter of rubbish dumped on Gypsy Lane and could Streetwise collect it, (Clerk) to investigate this matter.

(RB) raised the matter of the Christmas Disco which was under supported. Needs to be better targeted in future. Expressed interest in another Curry Night similar to previous one recently, proposing a meeting to take place soon.

(MS) said he had attended the Mayor Transport Consultation meeting. Stated the belief that we need to emphasise the importance of the local 833 bus service. Also, looking for ideas to promote the use of cycling.

(Clerk) informed Cllrs that NatWest have closed the Samual & Elizabeth Smith Trust account and a cheque for £103.50 issued to the PC and now has been cashed. Cllrs asked for it to be transferred to our Fund-Raising account as a more fitting place for it to reside.

15. Chairman's Reports: (TF) None Stated.

Meeting Closed at 20.35

Signed (Chair)…… **Date**……