MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

12TH MARCH 2026

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: Parishioner Lois Hamson informed the meeting that she proposed a trial period of Coffee mornings in the Village Hall on Saturday mornings which wouldn't clash with the Parish Coffee morning on the first Saturday of every month. This is in response to the forthcoming cancelation of Coffee mornings that have been held at the local pub in Granby. Lois stated that she had a team of young volunteers who are all doing their D of E badges, already in place. Cllrs agreed that there would be no charge for using the hall.

The Parishioner who complained at the previous meeting that he was finding RBC Planning very unhelpful with his proposed moving of a gate into a field, said this was still the case and was very frustrated with RBC.

A Parishioner named Mark Baker introduced himself to the meeting. Stated the Via had blasted out the drain near 31 Sutton Lane, and the Willow tree had been de-rooted.

Cllr Grocock updates: (CG) stated that the new Neighbourhood Plan was being looked at in terms of finance now that funding has been withdrawn by central government. RBC (who may contribute towards the cost) calculate that as a last resort the Precept may need to be used to help fund it, this could amount to £4 per household per year.

Local Govt Reform – (CG) advised that the 3 proposed changes for Nottinghamshire had been sent to Central Govt, and they are expected to make a decision by July.

(CG) announced that the Community Support Fund of £1,000 will be open on 1st April and do we have any schemes that warrant applying for funding.

(RK) asked why would people object to the Neighbourhood Plan, (CG) said he believed it was because some were naturally suspicious that this is part of a plan for major developments. However, RBC was more than meeting its target for house building and there are no plans in this area for major housing schemes.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** T Fewell (TF), Cllr S Pearson (SP)
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None Stated
3. **Approval of minutes 12th February 2026 to be signed:** Signed by Chair (MS)
4. **Review of previous actions:**

   Rubbish – Gypsy Lane: (Clerk) was informed by Cllrs that the bag of rubbish been removed.

   CPR Training Update: (Clerk) stated that becoming frustrated with slow response of Community Heartbeat and may try someone else. At this point was informed that W.I. are planning to hold a similar session. (Clerk) said he would liaise with them.

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

RCAN Network event meeting – Cotgrave. VIA ownership of field – Sutton Lane. Your Notts Directory – Notts CC. Town & Parish update – RBC. Town & Parish Forum meeting – RBC.

With ref; to ownership of the field on Sutton Lane, Mark Baker was able to inform the meeting that VIA are now in contact with the owner and discussing the two Willow trees removed.

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

6.1 **PWL / Promissory Note, do we continue:** Cllrs decided not to pursue these ideas.

6.2 **Any Building Quote updates:** (MS) said it has always been likely that our quotes would increase over time. (RK) stated that one of the builders had allowed for inflation in his quote. Also, both builders believe the barge boards could be okay. (MT) asked if that the cost of work carried out is less than we have received in grants – do we have to return it. (RB) stated if this was the case, then we should look to spend money on the toilet flat roof as well. Also suggested that maybe other schemes could be looked at or hold a Public meeting to ask for ideas.

6.3 **Are We Able to Choose a builder:** (RK) said that one of the builders was not prepared to re-quote due to the time and effort they had spent on the first quote but believed cost would be 10-15% more. Agreed that (RK) will consult an interested Parishioner first, then approach one of the builders with a view to carrying out the work. (MT) asked will the builder want a proper signed contract.

7. **Bookcase, any Decision:** (BP) asked could it perhaps be located within the new planned furniture in the Back room. (RK) still maintains that the books are barely used by anyone. Cllrs agreed on a 3-month trial on new shelving in the bus shelter. (Clerk) was asked to create a notice for the 3-month trial to be placed on the Notice Board.

8. **Planning Applications: None Notified**

9. **Planning Notification: None Notified**

10. **Section 106 Agreement – Off Sutton Lane Development:**

10.1 **Any updates:** (MT) was able to say that the 106 Agreement was now with Gedling Borough Council Solicitors as RBC's are overwhelmed. (MS) believes the present 106 agreement is not satisfactory as riddled with errors and inconsistencies. Will be trying to arrange a meeting for himself, the applicant, his Architect, Chris Grocock and RBC Planning Dept.

11. Finance:

11.1 Approve End of Month Balancing for Jan 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 08/03/26)	**£ 4,624.51**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 08/03/26)	**£ 6,972.58**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 08/03/26)	**£ 39,894.76**

12. Assertion 10 Compliance: (Clerk)

12.1 Approve & Adopt GCSPC IT Policy: Approved by Cllrs

12.2 Approve & Adopt GCSPC Data Protection Policy: Approved by Cllrs

12.3 . Gov.uk email address update: (Clerk) advised Cllrs that we will have to change over to .Gov.uk email address as a requirement of Assertion 10 compliance. Deferred by Cllrs and agreed to discuss later date.

13. Councillor's Reports: (RB) informed Cllrs he had received an enquiry to rent the Marquee. Whilst concern was expressed at how complicated it is to erect if one has never done so before, Cllrs agreed it was available for rent at £100

(MT) said that he had received comments/complaints regarding the cleaning of the Village Hall. A committee was suggested whilst still maintaining cleaners. (CG) warned that such an idea would need very careful areas of responsibility clearly defined between a committee and the Cllrs. (MT) asked that discussion of cleaning appear on the next agenda.

(RK) pointed out that there used to be a Welcome leaflet posted in the door for new residents who had moved into the village and wondered who provided these. (BP) expressed the view that the Village Newsletter acted as a welcome leaflet.

(RK) wondered if we could have a Speed Awareness as other villages do. (RB) agreed that he had also witnessed vehicles driving through Granby at speed and voiced the idea that something like a chicane would slow cars down. (BP) stated she had seen Police Speed Vans in other villages, could we have one. The (Clerk) was asked to contact the Police to explore the possibility.

(RK) told the Cllrs that Ben Murphy had stated a concern that an Asbestos survey could be required for the Village Hall roof and that he would discuss with the builder he is already planning to approach.

(RK) informed the other Cllrs that after a delay he was planning to order the new furniture for the Back room.

(SM) raised a concern that the toilet in the Village Hall seems to be rocking, the (Clerk) was asked to investigate this matter.

(SM) highlighting the pictures in the Village Hall, asked if any plans to take them down, (MT) replied that there is a plan to replace them with new pictures, but it is a case of finding the time.

(SM) asked could a leaflet be distributed telling Parishioners how much money has been raised, (RB) agreed that very important to be transparent with people as to how much raised.

14. Chair's Reports: (MS) reminded everyone of the Village Tidy up on 28th March and asked the (Clerk) to put up a poster on the Notice board.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Signed Chair:…….. **Date:**……..