

# **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for 2019**

**Held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in Granby Village Hall 7.00pm.**

**Being present** Cllr.J Daw Chairman of the Parish Council took the chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**Apologies** received from: - Cllrs Betts & Straw & Cllr. Bailey (RBC).

**Present** Cllrs. Humphreys, Preece, March, Powell & Rainbow and 10 parishioners plus Parish Clerk Ann Coy.

## **Introduction:**

Cllr. Daw opened the meeting and gave apologies that the speaker Lesley Taylor, Recycling and Education Officer for Veolia & NCC was unable to attend due to a injury that morning.

As a result of this, it was decided to present all the reports that had been received in the usual way.

**Minutes of the APM for 2018:** The agenda had directed readers to the parish council website to view the minutes before the meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the 2018 meeting.

**Matters Arising:** None.

Reports were invited from the following groups:

## **PC report. Cllr Daw.**

Financially the Parish Council is in sound health and have kept the precept – the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax – at the same level for more than a decade. The major expenses are the Village Hall – which is part funded by lettings – and the maintenance of the village greens in Granby, along with the cemetery and Church graveyard. A contingency fund is maintained to cover any unexpected expenditure.

The Council has been invited to consider and comment on eleven planning applications over the last twelve months. There is always an opportunity for differing views on these but for the most part they have been fairly non-contentious. However, the latest application for a development in Sutton is already raising concerns for residents and a number have already made comments on the Borough Council website. This one may prove challenging over the next few months.

Granby entered the Best Kept Village competition again last year and once again won their section as they have many times in the past. Many thanks must go to those who help the village looking tidy and loved, particularly on "clean up Saturday" each month. Sutton didn't enter the competition, but residents do have their own version of clean up Saturday, mowing the village green regularly, maintaining the fences and posts and planting up. So thanks to them, too.

On the environmental front we successfully applied for ten trees from the Borough Council to fill gaps along the road between Granby and Sutton. These were planted earlier this year. We also monitor the state of the trees on our village greens and always endeavour to replace any which need removing.

Although public transport is a County Council function we are involved vocally, either in meetings or by direct contact with the Public Transport Team, to ensure that the needs of

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our residents are considered. This has been particularly important over the last few months as the current service provider is terminating their contract early. The new services which take effect from the end of May will still provide "commuter" buses (ie early morning and late afternoon) between Sutton and Friar Lane. There will be local buses to Bingham via the Cropwells in one direction and Orston in the other direction giving us roughly a half hourly service during the day.

There have been no major projects for the Parish Council this year, but we have assisted other bodies by supporting a grant application for funding to help finance the WW1 commemoration concert in November and supported the acquisition of ten "there but not there" silhouettes for the WW1 exhibition. It is worth saying that both these events were very successful.

At Christmas we again provided Christmas trees for inside and outside the Church and this year provided one for the green in Sutton. This proved a popular community event as residents gathered to help decorate the tree and held a grand "turning on" of the lights. Also at Christmas was the advent calendar windows running throughout December. Although not a Parish Council event as such, it was the brain-child of one of the Councillors and was taken on enthusiastically by villagers. It culminated on December 24<sup>th</sup> with Christmas Carols and other Christmas songs first of all on the village green in Sutton, then on the main village green in Granby. Many people turned out demonstrating the tremendous community spirit we have in our villages.

At last year's Parish Council AGM, Cllr Sam Salden resigned for personal reasons. We thank her for her contribution while she was on the Council, particularly for organising activities for younger children. Julie Powell was co-opted to replace Sam. Elections for the Parish Council take place every four years. This year was election year. Cllr Andy Betts announced that he would not be standing for re-election. Andy has served on the Council for twelve years, three of them as Chairman, and has contributed much during this time. Not least editing the Parish Newsletter. He has agreed to continue doing this providing of course that he is supplied with articles, photographs etc. So thank you Andy. He will be replaced by Sam Wiseman. As well as the six remaining candidates, Sam was the only other candidate so no election was necessary. We will welcome Sam to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Finally I would thank all Councillors for their support and hard work during the year and, of course, many thanks to our Parish Clerk, Ann Coy who ensures that the Council runs smoothly and efficiently.

#### **PCC All Saints Church – Maureen Wright.**

See attached report.

#### **Granby & Sutton WI –Cllr. Preece on behalf of Brenda Straw.**

As President of Granby and Sutton W.I. I am pleased to report on our activities during the last year 2018-2019.

We have had a busy year with a variety of activities and interesting speakers.

The plant and produce morning in May was very successful. This event provides an social opportunity for our villages to come together, and helps us with our expenses during the year.

Our summer outing this year took us to Tissington Hall in Derbyshire and Burrow Gardens in Brailsford. In September we enjoyed a tour of Kelham Hall near Newark.

We were pleased to serve tea and cake at the village Open Gardens Event in June, and help fund raise for our Church Tower repairs.

For our summer social this year we had supper in the village hall and a beetle drive.

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We were honoured to lay a poppy wreath at Langar Church in November on behalf of our members to commemorate the end of the First World War.  
In December we enjoyed a Christmas social evening in the village hall with a meal provided by local caterers.  
We participated in the Advent Calendar project in December and decorated the barn window at Manor Farm House.  
To fund raise for our charity The Rainbow Horses Trust we held a cake and jam sale at the village hall coffee morning at the beginning of December.  
In January we were pleased to hold an open meeting and share a talk on the Last Post at Newton with husbands, friends and local people.  
Our membership has reduced to 25 and we would be happy to have some new members!  
We meet, as always, on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30.

### **All Saints Church Bell Ringers – Read by John Daw for Mr M Tubbs.**

The number of Granby bell ringers has remained stable at six, although two are not currently ringing through injury. We continue to hold joint practices with other towers in the area on a Thursday night.

Unfortunately, absences mean that we don't often get a full band for Sunday ringing, but we usually manage to get two or three bells going to announce services.

Any newcomers, young or adult, will be made most welcome.

### **Granby Ladies Thursday Club –Elaine Walsh.**

The Granby Ladies Thursday Club (GLTC) had another good year in 2018/19 with a varied programme of events consisting of social evenings and guest speakers.

The social evenings were spread evenly over the year starting with our 'Sausage, Mash & Skittles' kicking things off in April. There was a Summer Supper in July, a Halloween Supper in October and Christmas Meal in December. These events were well attended and enjoyed enormously.

We had two 'open meetings', 'The Role of Women in the First World War' and A Valuation Evening when none other than Nigel Mellors himself came to Granby to value our prized possessions.

The Fashion Show in November provided an opportunity to shop for Christmas outfits which were modelled by some of our own members, causing quite a bit of laughter in the hall and behind the scenes too.

We finished our 2018/19 programme of events in March, with a pottery painting session which brought out the artist in us all.

GLTC continues to thrive, providing members with companionship and a lot of fun.

Whether new to the village or just decided to join us, new members are always welcome.

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We meet on the last Thursday of the month, every month except August.

### **Gardening Club – Cllr. Humphreys on behalf of Stan Taylor.**

During the past year the Granby and Sutton Garden and Allotment Club has continued to meet on the First Tuesday of the month. Membership of the Club has stabilized around the mid 30's which, bolstered by a few guests, allows us to continue our monthly meetings. However more extensive activities such as coach trips are more difficult to arrange. Additional members are always welcome.

A programme of local Garden visits is arranged during the summer months. Our Garden visits are usually in the evening however there is at least one afternoon visit each year. In May last year our summer visits got off to a good start despite a cool evening with a visit to Park Farm, Southwell. An inspiring 3-acre garden with interesting and unusual planting. Some great features and views across the town.

Our June visit to 2 Gardens in Keyworth was successful this year following cancellation in 2017 due to very heavy rain.

July took us to a town garden in Melton Mowbray.

Also, In July we joined with the Walking Group and Wine Club for a day visit to Derbyshire with a Morning Walk along the High Peak Trail, Pub Lunch and a visit to Cascades Gardens at Bonsall. This was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

In August we visited The White House Farm in Leicestershire.

September was the 10th Annual Home Produce Show held in the Village Hall.

The number of people submitting entries was up on 2017 with the number of exhibits at a record level. The Sam Lee trophy presented to the overall winner of the show was awarded to Sian Hamson.

Later in September members visited the St Ann's Allotments in Nottingham on their open day. This was an interesting visit to a unique historical site.

During the winter months' meetings were held in the Village Hall usually with a speaker delivering an illustrated talk on a subject of gardening interest.

We have had a varied programme and thanks go to Carole Kirk yet again for arranging the speakers.

### **Sutton & Granby singers – Isabel Daw.**

It has been a very busy year for the Singing Group. We started rehearsals early in the year in preparation for three World War 1 commemoration concerts. Much research went into the programme which consisted of a power point display of original photographs, a commentary relating to the main headlines of the war years and songs –as sung by the soldiers, some popular numbers of the day, some cheerful and some very poignant. We dressed appropriately and decorated our venues with posters and flags. Our first concert was at Lowdham Church on 29<sup>th</sup> September, followed by Orston Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and finally Granby Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The audiences were given many of the words so that they could join in and the programme was well received particularly as we raised the sombre tone with a mini proms at the end. We were delighted at the presence of our MP, Robert Jenrick, at the Granby concert and he heartily joined in along with everyone else.

We were pleased to secure a grant from the County Community Fund, along with sponsorship from a number of local businesses which helped enormously with the cost of material, advertising, programmes and hire of halls.

In all, around £1,500 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

We were then straight into rehearsals for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cheer held on 1<sup>st</sup> December in Granby Church. The usual line-up organ, saxophone and accordion backed the programme of well-known songs and solo items which were very well received by an

enthusiastic audience. The hand bell quintet worked hard with a new repertoire of tunes to everyone's delight. We were able to donate £550 to December..

On 18<sup>th</sup> December we were asked to do an hour's programme of popular Christmas songs and items by the hand bell ringers at Morrison's in Gamston, where donations were given by many of the shoppers towards the Tower Fund.

Finally, on 24<sup>th</sup> December, we led the carols on the greens in Sutton then Granby to mark the opening of the final advent calendar window.

So a very busy but successful year.

Currently we are rehearsing for a short concert for Granby and District Royal British Legion at Barnstone Village Hall in September. Then we expect to have our 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cheer on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Wine Club - Michael Headland.**

The Group is now in its ninth year and currently has 38 members. Almost all of the members still come from Granby and Sutton but there are still six members from other villages. We started the year in May 2018 tasting Italian wines selected by Keith and accompanied by Pizzas from Signor Pepper in Bingham. The June meeting was the annual BBQ which was held in Keith and Sian's garden. The wines were selected from Majestic, Laithwaites, Marks and Spencer and Waitrose's spring and summer selections. The weather was exceptional and thanks again to Keith and Sian for all their efforts.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> we joined the Gardening Club and the Walking Group for a walk at Minninglow in Derbyshire, lunch and wine at the Red Lion in Birchover. We returned to the Village Hall on August 21<sup>st</sup> to taste French Wines celebrating France's World Cup win brought back by Andy and Anna from their holiday at their French house.

In September we were again in the Village Hall to taste Portuguese wine and food brought to us by Lois inspired by her recent holiday in that country. We had intended to visit Veenos wine bar in October but had to cancel for a variety of reasons. We were back to the Village Hall in November to taste French wines brought back from their holiday by Chris and Chris. On December 18<sup>th</sup> we were in the Village Hall, with the usual party food, and intended to taste wine recommended by Robert M Parker (the most world's most prized palate)but because of delivery problems and Keith's quick thinking we tasted Waitrose wines which were enjoyed by all. Deliveries sorted we tasted Parker point wines on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Village Hall with a general view that Mr Parker is overrated.

We were visited by Brigg Ferrier from Laithwaite's West Bridgford in the Village Hall to taste wines celebrating their company's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. We followed this with a tasting of wines from the USA presented to us by Stan and Shirley.

We finished the year on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall as we had started it tasting Italian wines selected by Carole and myself together with pizzas from Bingham.

We have a full programme of events for the coming months including, the BBQ and the combined event with the walking and gardening groups together with a visit from Ann et Vin in Newark. The Subscription rate has remained at £10 per person.

### **British Legion – Cllr. Rainbow on behalf of David Powell**

2018 was a busy year for the RBL nationally, marking as it did the centenary of the formation of the RAF and commemorating the centenary of the Armistice, which marked the end of World War 1. Our Branch was also busy throughout the year, taking part in the Great Pilgrimage 90 and holding a very successful Poppy Art competition, which attracted a large number of entries from a wide age range, and two impressive Quarter Peal events in St Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Annual Parish Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

Giles, Cropwell Bishop and All Saints, Granby. Both these events also strengthened our recognition within our local community.

We were saddened to have to report the death of our former Poppy Appeal Organiser, Jackie Swift, at the end of last year, following an extended illness. Jackie had done a sterling job for our branch over a number of years and she will be sadly missed. We have been very fortunate in being able to recruit Elaine Walsh as Jackie's replacement. Elaine had helped Jackie over the last few years and took on the role with considerable dedication. She has succeeded in doing a most marvellous job in her first year as PAO, particularly as last year was such a busy year with a number of events contributing to the Poppy Appeal. We were delighted to say that this effort resulted in the Branch raising a staggering total of £4485.59. This was nearly three times what we have managed to achieve in previous years. Jackie would have been proud of the effort that both Elaine and many other members of the Branch put in to making this achievement possible. The Poppy Appeal culminated for us in a memorable Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at St Andrew's, Langar. We had a full congregation and it was heartening to see so many members of our local community wishing to take part in this special event.

We were most proud to be awarded the Certificate of Excellence for the first time, together with the Small Branch Membership Award and the Standard Bearer's Award for the second year running. We have also been granted permission to have the Ypres 2018 patch affixed to our Standard in recognition of the Branch's participation in the Great Pilgrimage 90.

Looking ahead, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our Annual Sunday Luncheon at Barnstone Village Hall. This is a popular event and should be well supported. Tickets will be available from me at a cost of £12, which will include a welcoming drink and a two course lunch, with entertainment again from the Granby & Sutton Singers. We are also trying to obtain the services of the RAF Woodwind band for a concert in September. In October our President, Sir Andy Pulford, has once again agreed to provide one of his excellent talks about his exploits in the RAF.

As always, we are grateful for the support of the Parish Council.

### **Walking Group – Cllr. J Rainbow on behalf of Andy Betts.**

The tenth anniversary of the walking group has seen an increase in the number of walkers who turn up on the third Sunday of each month to enjoy the local countryside and gentle exercise. We have almost 40 members on the contact list but numbers vary according to commitments and injuries! Typically the group consists of about 20 people.

Each circular walk is between four and five miles and not too taxing. The walk is followed by the option of Sunday lunch in one of the nearby pubs. Most walks are relatively local with many situated in the Vale of Belvoir. We meet for a 10.30am start and lunch at 1.00pm.

Once a year, in the summer months, we have a shared experience with the Gardening club and the Wine group when we travel further afield and combine the walk with a garden visit and a pub visit.

Our next walk is scheduled for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. We welcome new members to any of our walks; contact Andy Betts to be added to the circulation list.

### **History Group – Cllr. Daw on behalf of Philip Straw.**

A small group of interested villagers recently started this group with the objective of gathering information from various sources and exploring ways of storing/archiving and sharing it. With only two meetings so far it is very early days. At the last meeting we viewed part of a collection of old photographs that had been put together by the late Len Watson.

### **Kidspot – Tracey Harrison**

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Kidspot is ran by a group of village parents- each event is organised by a few. All parents attending are expected to set up/clean down after event  
Events are charged at £5 per child - none profit

Summer 2018 - kidspot summer fun

46 attended

Activities included an hour lesson for children from a trained forest school practitioner, children made bow/arrow, woodland creatures

Summer garden games

Circus fun to try

Village tug of war

Giant jenga

Pizza van attended or BYO picnic

Christmas kidspot

23 Children attended

Crafts, games, all children received a present from Santa

Easter - not held this year

Future plan is for summer & Christmas events 2019

### **Any other business**

Isabel Daw told the group about recycling that she does.

Jim Bettles asked about the tip and why we are unable to use the one at Bottesford, whichever one you go to in Nottinghamshire it is at least a 30 mile trip.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm. The Chairman thanked every one for attending.