

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9th September 2021

Present: Cllrs. Daw (Chair), March, Preece, Humphreys (minute taker), Bailey (RBC), Purdue-Horan (NCC), co-opted at meeting Mike Stevenson and Trevor Fewell,

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Powell

Declaration of interest: None declared.

Acceptance of minutes: 8th July Minutes approved.

Matters arising: Vacancies (Clerk, Caretaker, Webmaster) Cllr. Humphreys informed the meeting that Ann Coy has agreed to continue to help the PC with planning response submissions, Financial Officer and minute taking when needed. The Clerk, Caretaker and Webmaster positions remain vacant with no applicants to date. All councillors to continue to look for possible candidates. **Action: All Councillors**

Solar Farm: Cllr. Daw informed the meeting that Melton Borough Council are waiting for the Landscape and Visual Impact report. The application will go to the November Planning Committee meeting.

Casual Vacancies. We have received two expressions of interest from residents of Sutton, Mike Stevenson and Trevor Fewell; both candidates had provided supporting information regarding their interest and experience. There was unanimous agreement, proposed by Cllr. Humphreys to co-opt both residents onto the Council. **Action: A Coy to ensure Notification of interest pursuant to Section 81(1) completed and submitted by both co-opted councillors.**

Correspondence:

Bus service survey, Cllr. Daw completed the survey as a resident.

RBC Covid 19 Memorial Scheme. It was agreed that we did not feel the need to access the scheme to request a Covid 19 memorial.

NALC AGM 17th November. Cllrs. are invited to attend the AGM being held in Epperstone Village Hall. **Action: All Councillors to let Cllr. Daw know if interested in attending.**

Winter Maintenance: **Action Cllr. Humphreys to speak to Philip Straw regarding supplies currently held.**

Rural Transport fact finding completed by Cllr. Daw.

Council Plan Engagement (The Big Notts Survey) An event planned for 20th September open to councillors. **Action All Councillors to encourage residents to complete survey Cllr. Humphreys to ask John Rainbow to put on website and encourage residents to make comment on lack of local tip.**

Village Hall issues: Cllr. Humphreys stated that she is still waiting for a quote from Loz. We also need a third quote due to the £1,000 threshold. Cllrs. Fewell and Stevenson have given other possible contacts. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to follow up contacts given.**

Fencing in Village Hall playground. Cllr. Humphreys fed back that we are waiting for a date for the contractors to start once the Risk Management Assessment had been agreed by Mr & Mrs Salden.

Cllr. Humphreys raised with the Council the request by Mr Salden for a notice to be placed on the barn wall stating 'no ball games to be played against barn wall'. The Council felt that this was unacceptable as we should be encouraging children to play and exercise. Concern was also raised that this was more likely to encourage children to play ball against the wall.

Action: Cllr. Humphreys to inform Mr Salden about the decision.

Village Hall bookings. Cllr. March fed back that bookings were now all going to her. It was noted that after an initial glitch all users of the village hall are setting up and clearing up as requested due to the lack of caretaker. Cllr. Humphreys requested that all councillors assist where necessary with any cleaning until we have a caretaker. **Action: All Councillors**

Churchyard Maintenance:

Cllr. Humphrey informed the Council that the trees in the Churchyard growing over the road and on Granby Hill were due to be pruned on 10th September and will cause disruption on the road, Highways have given permission for work to be undertaken. **Action: Cllr. Daw to inform Highways once completed. Cllr Humphreys to inform Anna Betts of PCC.**

Feedback from Town & Parish Forum: Cllrs. Humphreys and Daw fed back to the meeting.

Post Box: Cllr. Preece highlighted the poor state of the collection time notice on both postboxes in Sutton and Granby. **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to raise with postman.**

Forthcoming events:

Annual Parish Meeting there was agreement that the meeting should move to April rather than May.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee discussion around possible celebrations e.g. Street Party and Tug of War. **Action Cllr. Daw to contact village groups for suggestions and contributions.**

Planning:

Cllr. Daw stated that we have received notification from RBC that there is a 42% increase in planning applications and that RBC have a shortage which is a national shortage. A request for patience was made by RBC planning dept. There was concern that if RBC were late in getting a decision made then applicants would use the Non Determination route and go straight to appeal. Cllr. Bailey made aware of the Council's concerns.

Cllr. Bailey asked for an update on 21/001142/FUL - Granby Hall demolition and reconstruction of wall with increased height, enforcement notice. Cllr. Bailey informed no action has been taken to date. **Action: Cllr. Bailey to discuss with Andrew Pegram, Head of Planning.**

For Consideration:

21/01296/FUL - Granby Farmhouse (No Objection)

21/02143/FUL - Barn Conversion, Sutton (No Objection)

21/02426/FUL - 2 Houses on Land NE of Main St, Sutton (Object) **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to give feedback to A Coy.**

Decisions:

21/01296/FUL - Granby Farmhouse GRANTED with conditions

21/01331/VAR - Plot 2, Sutton GRANTED

21/01651/FUL - Yew Tree Cottage GRANTED

Finance:

Current Account balance: £17,285.70. Reserve Account: £10,395.92

Accounts for payment. (Excl VAT)-approved:

A Coy (salary 3mths).	£249.60
HMRC.	£62.40
P Hempstead.	£417.00(Aug) paid
	£417.00(Sept)
ART (Boiler service).	£80.00 (paid)
Windows.	£30.00
Stamps(12)	£ 7.92
Octopus Energy.	£19.89(July)
	£17.37(Aug)
Water Plus(cemetery).	£18.35
WRS Tree services.	£500.00

Councillors reports:

Cllr. Daw raised the issue of disruption to the water supply over two weekends in August. It was agreed that Severn Trent made no provision in either village for water to be supplied by bowser or bottled water over the two hottest days of the summer. It was also noted that the water pressure is still lower than usual. **Action: Cllr. Daw to write to Severn Trent raising the PC concerns.**

Cllr. Humphreys raised the following issues: A request that the monthly PC meetings resume as bimonthly were insufficient to ensure that all issues were being dealt with in a timely manner. There was consensus agreement to this request.

Village Hall dustbins are not being used for the correct purposes therefore the recycle bin and green waste bin to be moved.

A request for the Native Hedge in the Cemetery to be trimmed and the hedge running alongside the sewage treatment plant to be pruned have been made by residents. **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to contact WRS tree surgeons for the Cemetery and A Coy to contact NCC Highway dept for the roadside hedge.**

Councillors informed that A Coy is in the process of switching the PC banking to online.

A request from younger residents for a basketball hoop in the playground has been made. **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to investigate options available.**

Meeting closed 21.30

Date and time of next meeting: 14th October, 19.30hrs.

Cllr. March gave apologies in advance of next meeting.