

# **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for 2018**

**Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May in Granby Village Hall 7.00pm.**

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

**Apologies** received from: - Cllr. S Bailey ( RBC). M Headland, M Wright, S Taylor & David Preece.

**Present** Cllrs. Humphreys, Preece, Daw, Betts, Salden & Rainbow and 10 parishioners plus Parish Clerk Ann Coy.

**Minutes of the APM for 2017:** 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 2017 meeting.

**Matters Arising:** None.

Reports were invited from the following groups:

**PC report. Cllr Straw.**

The council is in good financial health. We easily have funds to meet our on-going needs and have a good reserve for contingencies.

We are pleased to be able to say that we have again this year elected not to increase the precept we receive from your council tax. This has in fact not been raised for 12 years. The big event last year was the installation of the adult exercise equipment in the playground behind the village hall. The cost of this which was just short of £10k was fully met by a grant from the National Lottery small grants scheme. We are grateful to John Rainbow who initiated and progressed the project.

Granby and Sutton were entered for the Notts Best Kept Village competition last but sadly we did not, unlike previous years, win or even make it to the final few. This despite a lot of effort from residents and our village clean up sessions. We suspect the judging came just before one of our clean up sessions!

We have entered again this year and have already done some volunteer tidying.

We do not usually refer to planning matters and are lucky compared to other communities not to have large scale developments thrust upon us. This is partly because Granby's conservation area status.

I will however mention one planning matter that has taken a lot of our time and attention which relates to the activities on a piece of land just outside the village on Granby Lane associated with a rabbit farm. This is one of a series of agricultural activities and the 32<sup>nd</sup> planning application over a period of years by the owner of this land. Our suspicion has been that all the activities, which we have strongly opposed over the years, have been geared to obtaining planning permission for residential housing. I will not bore you with the details, but last summer an application for such was approved on appeal despite our best efforts to prevent it. We like to think that we work closely with Rushcliffe planning and usually they do a difficult job well. In this instance however we were not impressed by their input and management of the situation and feel strongly that they let us down very badly.

Much of our expenditure is on keeping the villages tidy and maintained with grass cutting etc. and this year we invested in getting the cemetery sorted. We had lots of overgrown shrubs and trees cut back and the place is now much tidier and made more manageable for the future.

Not a parish council activity as such, but I will mention the monthly Saturday coffee mornings which continue to thrive. They are of course run on a rota system by volunteers which our Clerk Ann coordinates.

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We have a new village hall caretaker Nick Rains who joined us in February.  
A big personal thank you to my colleagues for their time, input and support. To John Rainbow maintaining the WEB site and Andy Betts for producing the newsletter and welcome pack.  
Finally a special thank you to Ann our very able and supportive Clerk.

**Granby & Sutton WI – Brenda Straw.**

As the President of Granby and Sutton W.I. I am pleased to report on our activities during the last year 2017-2018.

I am glad to report that we have had another happy and successful year with a variety of speakers and outings. Our summer outing took us to Leicester where we had a tour of the Richard III exhibition and the Cathedral. This was a follow up to a talk by Dr Angela Lamb about her work on the bones of Richard III the previous year.

We went to Ruddington Village Museum in the autumn, again a follow up after a talk about their collection.

In June we held our annual plant and cake morning to raise funds for our W.I. and provide a change for our community to come together. In December we held a Craft and Cake stall in the village hall to raise money for our chosen charity Vale First Responders. Funds raised from this event together with other events over the last two years resulted in us giving the VFR a cheque for £860. We are very proud that our small organisation was able to achieve this.

We enjoyed a summer social in June at Manor Farm House, and a Christmas evening in December in the village hall.

During the year we have been pleased to join in various events to celebrate the Notts Federation 100 years anniversary.

We were pleased to decorate a tree in Granby church to support the Christmas Tree Festival.

Our membership has risen to 29, partly due to 5 new members from Langar and Barnstone WI, which has had to close down.

We are proud of the fact that one third of our members come from surrounding villages and that we have able to share the WI ethos of friendship and learning with everyone. Being involved with village events is very important to us, and we look forward to helping with the Open Gardens Event in June.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, and we meet, as always, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Granby Village Hall at 7.30.

**All Saints Church Bell Ringers – Mr M Tubbs.**

There are currently six regular ringers, all members of the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild. We practice on a Thursday evening, joining in a rota with Langar, Cropwell Bishop and Stathern. Granby's turn is on the second Thursday of the month.

We ring for services and major occasions. We are planning to ring in Granby to mark the centenary of WW1.

Anyone wanting to give bell ringing a go would be warmly welcomed

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

The Granby Ladies Club had a good year in 2017/18 offering a varied and fun programme for our members. Two of our meetings were open to male/female guests and it was very nice to have the company of the gentlemen on these occasions. As they were such good company, we intend to extend the same invitation to a few carefully chosen meetings in the future.

Our traditional Sausage and Skittles evening was the first in a varied programme of events. We hunted for 'treasure' around the village, listened to poems & songs performed by a trio of ladies and enjoyed a lovely Summer Supper in the village hall. In October we were captivated by a talk on Bee Keeping and were amazed and entertained by the speaker's knowledge and enthusiasm for her subject.

In the months leading up to Christmas we were shown some great techniques on how to wrap presents, we each made a lovely Christmas decoration and in December we gathered at The Thatch for our Christmas meal.

Once into the new year we were enlightened as to the workings of The Worshipful Company of Weavers, this, one of our 'open meetings' which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

We finished our programme in March with another craft evening, this time making an Easter decoration.

Whatever the subject, we always have fun at GLTC which is why it remains popular.

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

We began last year with rehearsals for our performance at the Granby, Barnstone & District Royal British Legion lunch held in September. We chose a varied selection of songs from musicals such as Les Miserables, Cats, sound of Music etc. and the programme was well received by the audience.

Our main concert was our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cheer in Granby Church when, to a packed audience of around 120 people, we performed our usual rounds and medleys for everyone to join in plus some new choir items. The children delighted us again with their rendition of The Cat And Mouse Carol, particularly as they dressed up for their parts. We raised £500 to contribute to the Church Tower Fund. The concert was repeated the next day at Gunthorpe Church and the audience was delighted with our performance and keen to join in.

Some of the group added ideas and help with decorating our Christmas Tree for the festival in the Church. Jane Chaffe and I made all of our garlands and baubles using old sheet music – and it was very effective.

We are now well into rehearsals for our WW1 commemorative concerts to be held in Lowdham Church in September and at Orston Village Hall and here in Granby Village Hall in November. We are hoping other groups in the village will join in with us for a commemorative weekend. We will be performing some of the songs at Barnstone in August at this year's annual British Legion lunch.

As always, I thank the workers behind the scenes, Michael & Carole Headland without whose help the concerts would not be run so efficiently; and of course my husband for all the typing and printing.

We have four new members and this is proving a bonus to the sound – we would always welcome more.

### **Wine Club – John Rainbow on behalf of Michael Headland.**

The Group is now in its eighth year and currently has 39 members. Almost all of the members still come from Granby and Sutton but there are still four members from other villages.

We started the year in May 2017 with a visit to Eglantine Vineyard in Bunny. We were shown around the Vineyard by the owners and then sampled their produce. In June we were back in the Village Hall to taste French wines brought back by John and Carole from their holiday. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we held our Annual BBQ and once again in Stan & Shirley's garden and whilst the weather could have been kinder we all had a good time. We tasted wines from Majestic's summer collection and we are grateful to Stan & Shirley for all their efforts. On August the sixth we joined the walking and the gardening club members for the joint venture to Osmaston in Derbyshire with wine at the Shoulder of Mutton.

In September we visited Pauls Wine Bar in Bottesford to a wine tasting by Weavers of Nottingham. We were back to the Village Hall in October to taste wines from Slovenia by Corkhaus. The wines were different and included Orange wine and a bubbly red wine. We remained in Granby for November when Keith and Lois presented a tasting comparing old world with new world wines.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we were in the Village Hall, with the usual party food, and compared the Critics Christmas recommendations. This was followed in January by a visit to the Village Hall by Laithwaites from their new shop in West Bridgford to taste wines from their current range.

We were on our travels again in February 27<sup>th</sup> when, on a snowy night, we visited Mr & Mrs Fine Wine Bar in Southwell and I think the wine sampled and the food more than made up for the adverse weather conditions. In March we sampled wines from Yealands Wine Group in New Zealand who Michael and Carole had visited whilst on holiday.

We finished the year on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall when John and Carole presented with a selection of Lidl Wines 2018

We have a full programme of events for the coming months including an Italian Wine Tasting, the BBQ and the combined event with the walking and gardening group. The Subscription rate has remained at £10 per person.

### **Golf Society – Mr J Parish**

Much has remained the same at Granby & Sutton Golf Society over the past year. We play on average about 6 times a year, but there is no fixed date, we just arrange a date that the majority of players can make and then organise from there. There is no need for members to play a certain amount of fixtures a year, even playing once a year is welcomed. Traditionally we had always only ever had players exclusively from Granby and Sutton, but we have also recently had guests of our members join us, and with quite a few of our regulars not in the country all year round, it is something that we might look at increasing on to improve our numbers slightly.

We play at different golf clubs each fixture and play a format depending on numbers, but more often than not it is group stableford points. We have men and women members, with handicaps ranging from 36 right down to single digits. There is no annual fee for the society. If anyone knows of anyone else who plays golf and would like to play a social round with us, please contact Jim Parish on 07766 492 304

### **Walking Group – Andy Betts.**

Surprisingly, the walking group is nine years old. Unsurprisingly its members are nine years older! Despite this, the majority remain steadfast, committed walkers although some members choose to meet us for lunch at the end of the walk. This prompted one member to suggest that we have morphed into a kind of luncheon club with wanderers.

We walk on the third Sunday of each month, usually meeting for a 10.30 start. We have repeated many of our favourite circular walks over the past year and enjoyed some delicious pub lunches as well. Typically each walk is between 4 and 6 miles. We generally stay in the Vale of Belvoir, occasionally wandering further afield.

There is a membership of about 25 but numbers vary according to availability of members at the weekend and our current injury list. We continue to be fortunate with the weather and rarely have a wet walk, although we did have to cancel in March due to a large snowfall although I understand some members did make it through the snowdrifts to enjoy lunch at the Wheel.

In July we share an outing with the wine group and gardening club. This is organized by Stan and Shirley Taylor and comprises a walk, lunch (with wine) and a garden visit.

Our next walk is scheduled for Sunday 20th May. We welcome new members to any of our walks; contact Andy Betts to be added to the circulation list.

### **Kidspot – Sam Salden with Georgia & Imogen.**

Kidspot has seen several changes this year. Mainly that we now have a small committee running the events which is much less onerous on one person. We have so far had two events – Christmas and Easter which were both well attended, the girls will give you a little flavour of what they did at them!

### Christmas Event

Dashing to the hall  
For kidspot Christmas cheer  
Hoping to see Santa  
For the first time of the year.

We made some stained glass windows  
We made some Reindeer food  
We sang a lot of Christmas songs  
To get us in the mood.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun we had that day  
Getting Christmas on its way

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun we had that day  
Getting Christmas on its way

### Easter Hunt

Easter egg hunt, Easter egg hunt  
Look for eggs, look for eggs  
Search around the village, search around the village  
Tired little legs, tired little legs.

It was rainy, it was rainy  
Had to run, had to run  
Filling in our quiz, filling our quiz  
Still had fun, still had fun.

Do some crafting, do some crafting  
Make a tree, make a tree  
Decorate some biscuits, decorate some biscuits  
Eat for tea, eat for tea

**British Legion – John Rainbow**

In 2017, the Granby, Barnstone and District Branch attained full status once again, following several years as a sub branch of Colston Bassett, Owthorpe & Cotgrave Branch. During the past year, our Chairman Andrew Charlett and Standard Bearer Ken Kirk, attended the;

- Nottingham County Annual Parade and Service at Southwell Minster,
- 90th Anniversary celebrations of Hose & Harby Branch,
- Kohima Service in Ollerton.
- Poppy Race Day meeting at Newmarket.
- National Memorial Arboretum
- and Nottinghamshire County Conference in Bulwell

Our Branch programme included;

- the annual Lunch in September
- a talk by our President Andy Pulford in October about the liberation of South Georgia
- the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade held at All Saint's Church, Granby in November.

Our Poppy Appeal last year achieved a most creditable result of £2251.99, with door to door collections totalling £1021.79. We were extremely sorry to lose the services through ill health of our

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Jackie Swift, who has done a fantastic job in organising our Poppy Appeal in this area for many years but welcome Elaine Walsh who is now our Poppy Appeal Organiser.

We were honoured to receive not only a certificate for winning the Branch Membership Award for a small Branch, and our Standard Bearer received a certificate as runner-up in the novice category in the County Standard Bearer's Competition.

In April, Nigel Wood gave a talk about brothers from Langar, Barnstone & Granby who served in World War 1.

Forthcoming activities in 2018 will include commemorating not only the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, but also the centenary of the ending of the Great War with the following planned events;

- a visit to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Conningsby in May
- our Branch annual Lunch in August
- representation in the Great Pilgrimage 90 commemorations in Ypres by our Branch Chairman and Standard

### **Garden Club – Erika Humphreys on behalf of Stan Taylor**

During the past year the Grany and Sutton Garden society and Allotment Club has continued to meet on the First Tuesday of the month. Membership of the Club has increased during the year and is now in 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 with a visit to The Moat, at Newton Nr Grantham. A beautifully kept 3 acre garden with interesting planting.

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June visit to 2 Gardens in Keyworth was cancelled due to very heavy rain. We will attempt this visit again in June this year.

July took us to Riseholme in Radcliffe on Trent. A garden full of interest with great planting and enjoyed by all who visited.

August we visited Oak Barn at East Markham and were amazed at the profusion of exotic plants grown successfully in North Nottinghamshire.

Also, in August we joined with the walking and wine groups for a day visit to Osmaston and Brailsford in Derbyshire with a morning walk through Osmaston Park, Pub Lunch and visit to the Burrows Garden at Brailsford. This was a great success and enjoyed by all.

September was the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Produce Show held in the Village Hall. Although the number of people submitting entries was down on 2016 the number of exhibits was a little greater. The Sa Lee trophy presented to the overall winner of the show was awarded to John Daw for the second year running.

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 for arranging the speakers.

### **All Saints Church – Brenda Preece on behalf of Mrs M Wright.**

Looking back over this year we have been quite busy. In February we welcomed bishop Paul, Bishop of the Diocese, to bless the new altar kneelers which a dedicated group of ladies had designed and made using designs from some of the floor tiles, we also celebrated the return of the old chalice which had been stolen.

A new service was introduced in March of Songs of Praise, which is held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. This is a less formal service of traditional and newer hymns and songs and includes short Bible readings and thoughts relevant to the theme of the service. We have been supported by the Sutton & Granby Singers for which we are grateful and also had support from other Churches within the group.

During the year All Saints has supported the following yearly events:-

Women's World Day of Prayer, Christian Aid, Ride and Stride and Open Churches weekend, the Bishop's Lent Appeal and Water Aid.

From the Harvest Festival we support Dove Hospice and the Friary Centre with the donations we receive, also any donations of clothing etc are given to the Friary. Throughout the year we have a weekly Home Group, in which we follow a topic for study, enjoy fellowship and pray together. Everyone is welcome.

In October edition of the Wiverton News we were asked to complete a "worship survey" from the results of this a new service rota and times was introduced in January 2018 and will be reviewed after a trial period.

December saw a new venture of the Christmas Tree Festival which made the Church look so pretty, the lights and the wonderful hand made decorations showed the talent we have within our villages. The church Christmas tree and the decorated windows and side table all together made a story book picture.

Christmas Cheer was very successful, which made a significant donation to the Church Tower repair fund.

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We would like to thank Ann coy & Elizabeth Howard for their unstinting dedication to opening and closing the church daily, making it accessible to people who wih to have a quiet space for preying and medication, and for the casual visitor coming through the village.

We had the Quinquennial Inspection in September, the architect in summary said "The church is generally in good repair" apart from the tower. This was identified as urgent but we are unable to proceed until funds are available. The cost is estimated at £20,000. We have been promised two grants amounting to £5000, we have Christmas Cheer donation , and have received some significant gift aided cheque donations. Currently the fund has a little over £12,000, but there is still some way to go before the repair can start.

We look forward to being able to celebrate the completion of the project.

**Any other business**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm. The chairman thanked every one for attending.