

**Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs Stevenson (Chair), Fewell, Preece, March, Tubbs, Kuca, Mrs. Walker (Clerk), Cllr Grocock (RBC).  
**Apologies:**

**Public Session:** A member of the public reported that the Public Footpath sign adjacent to and immediately north of the recently built house 'Belvior View' had disappeared. The PC to contact the relevant authority and request that the sign be replaced. It was noted with concern that this isn't the only footpath sign to have disappeared or be in very poor repair.

**Cllr Grocock's Update** - Cllr Grocock reported that the PCs in the rest of his ward had all now agreed to proceed with generating a Neighbourhood Plan for his ward and that e-mail invitations to an inaugural meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May had been sent to the Chairs of each of the PCs concerned.

**1. Apologies for absence** - Cllr Purdue-Horan (RBC)

**2. Declaration of interest on items below** - None

**3. Approval of Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - Approved and signed as a true record.

**4. Correspondence** – The correspondence identified in the agenda had been forwarded to the Councillors during the previous. None drew comment or attracted the perceived need for action with the exception of the meeting invitation by Cllr. Grocock to engage in the generation of a Neighbourhood Plan (as already mentioned) Cllr Fewell reported he had already accepted this invitation.

Cllr. Stevenson also highlighted a letter, he had circulated to the Councillors, from Mr Roberts solicitor assuring the PC of Mr Roberts good intent and outline his undertakings. Whilst well received by the PC, it was seen as a 'letter of comfort' and that a more legally binding agreement was required – see Item 5 below.

**5. Proposed Development on Land off Sutton Lane**

- A Village Meeting had been facilitated PC and will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting will be chaired by Cllr. Grocock with panel comprising Cllr. Stevenson and a representative of Mr Roberts.
- Cllr Stevenson advised that the housing needs survey had been generated and subsequently distributed, door to door by him and a number of other Councillors. All indications were that there was a widely perceived need for the proposed 'sub-market' rental properties.
- Legal advice is seen by the entire PC to be essential in the generation and execution of an 'Heads of Terms Agreement' between the PC and Mr Roberts in advance of the PC giving it's full backing and commitment. Cllr. Stevenson reported that he is seeking cost indications from a local solicitor and would advise further.
- Grant funding avenues are being pursued by Cllr. Fewell who reported that all indications were that funding could be obtained for both the creation and maintenance of the community area. Cllr. Notts Wildlife Trust and Greenwood Community Forest already wish to know more and indicate they will lend their support.

**5. Village Hall**

- Fire doors still not absolutely perfect. Cllrs. Stevenson and Fewell to check the internal time clock settings are correct.
- Cleaning of paving outside Village Hall. Agreed this is needed. Caretakwer to be approached.
- Request for Additional Table. Cost of circa £175 for a large table was noted but desion held pending review of hire charges.
- Increase to Hire Fees. Still under consideration.

**6. May elections, 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Combined County Authority Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner.**  
Noted. Hall to be made available in advance of the election to allow for the setting up process.

**7. Insurance Renewal** – Proposed covers and premium were agreed

**8. Cemetery** - An application for an new memorial (headstone) to be retrospectively placed was discussed. The PC unanimously agreed to the request on condition that associated costs be borne by the Applicant.

**9. D-Day Celebration** –

- It was agreed that the time necessary to organise a D-Day based fund raising event was too short and so the fundraising event would need to take place later in the summer. That event will be for the purpose of raising finds towards the repair of the Village Hall and will be in the form of an event in Cllr. Biggs paddock. Cllr. Biggs is leading this initiative and is bringing together a team of organisers.
- It was noted that the Village Newsletter, which had that day been received from the printers reference the event being in early June.
- Cllr. Tubbs reported that the History Group is putting together a D-Day exhibition which will be in the Village Hall across the D-Day weekend (irrespective of the fund raiser being at a later date)

**10. Forthcoming events**

- Parish Meeting (Re Sutton Lane development / community land) 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Annual Parish Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Village Clean Up, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**10. Planning**

Decisions:

No decisions required.

**11. Finance**

Current account balance was not available

Reserve Account was not available

**Accounts for payment:** All payments detailed on the Agenda were agreed and approved.

**11. Best Kept Village** – Decision was by the PC made that we will enter this however, in this case ‘Village’ will be deemed to solely to refer to Granby (ie excluding Sutton cum Granby). The Gardening Club have declined to be directly involved with this initiative.

**12. Clerk and RFO role** – No applications had been received but the hope remained that the vacancy notice on the NALC site/system would generate candidates.

**13. Councillor’s Reports**

Cllr. Fewell reported that he had been advised that RBC’s plans to change the smoke control area coverage had been dropped following its overwhelming rejection at the consultation phase.

Cllr. Tubbs reported that the Spring edition of the Village Newsletter was ready and he would need volunteers to distribute them door to door.

Cllr. Kuca suggested that the Hall be used more for/by the young people in the village (e.g. table tennis, board games). PC agreed with this and Councillors to consider potential activities and seek ideas and input from Parishioners.

A number of Cllrs. raised the clearing of the footpath on Sutton Lane from Sutton virtually all the way to Granby. This is due entirely to the incredible, single handed, efforts of Mr Neil Fraser to whom the entire Council extend their deepest thanks along with all of the many in our community who use the path.

**14. Chairman’s Reports**

Cllr. Stevenson thanked all of the Councillors for their support over the last two years but advised that he would be standing down as Chair with effect from the Parish Meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Meeting closed: 21:30**

**Next meeting: 7:30PM 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, following immediately from the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00PM**

Signed

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Trevor Fewell Deputy Chair, Granby cum Sutton Parish Council

9th May 2024