

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council

9th January 2025

Councillor's Present: T Fewell (Chair) (TF), M Stevenson (MS), R Biggs (RB), B Preece (BP), S March (SM), M Tubbs (MT), R Kuca (RK)

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk)

Open Session: None Received.

Apologies for absence & acceptance: Cllr C Grocock.

1. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None were stated.
2. **Approval of minutes 12th December 2024 to be signed:** were signed by the Chair (TF).
3. **Review of previous actions:**
4. **Mud on Sutton Lane:** Decided that (Clerk) would check Land Registry to establish the owners of the various fields bordering Sutton Lane.

Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting: Portsmouth Uni, Hydrogen Storage Survey. The Editor. RCAN Newsletter. Ladies Thursday Club Donation. Notts ALC Jan Newsletter. Police Policy Setting Meeting at Radcliffe. Elston PC 20mph zone. Flooding problems nearby.

Agreed that (Clerk) would establish who is the Police point of contact for the PC.

With ref; to 20mph speed zone, Cllrs expressed the view that residents of Granby are far more likely to respect the speed limit compared to non-residents, using Granby as a cut through.

5. **Marquis Pub – AVC Update:** (TF) informed the meeting that the AVC has now been submitted to RBC for their consideration. (TF) to encourage WI and Ladies Thursday Club to lobby RBC ref; the importance of the Marquis to the local community.
6. **Update – Fire Doors & Fire Risk Assessment:** Cllrs informed of £450 + VAT approx cost of a Fire Risk Assessment Certificate. (RB) to speak to an insurance contact to seek advice. (Clerk) to liaise with NALC as to what degree of Certification we actually need and are there any Training course we could attend to allow for Self-Certification.

7. **Village Hall: Update on formation of Committee's, Surveyor Reports update: (TF)**

7.1 Asbestos Survey Update: (Clerk) informed Cllrs that a report has been sent to a company that provides Asbestos Surveys and will chase the company to ascertain if they have enough information to conduct a survey.

7.2 Discussion of seeking Grant Funding: (TF) informed meeting that a document has been produced that can form a basis/template for future professional schedule/plans. (RK) said he would be happy to work/sit in with a committee to assess what work is required.

Grant funding discussed ref, a Warm Space area in the Village Hall once a week. WI/Ladies Thursday Club have indicated they are happy to help. (TF) keen for the PC to act as a facilitator.

7.3 Kitchen and Small Room Clear out Discussion: (TF) stated the need to empty the back room of a build-up of “junk” accumulated over a period of years. (RB) enquired of possibility of table stand holder to the corner of the main hall to free up space in the back room.

8. Planning Applications: None Received.

9. Planning Notifications: None Received.

10. Finance:

To approve all payments – paid & to be paid – Accounts shown in Appendix attached

10.1 Planned Internet Banking update: (MS & TF) to discuss a method to move the Reserve fund out of NatWest and into the new Unity Bank Trust Reserve account. (Clerk) to ensure that Precept will be paid into the new Unity Current account. (RB) asked can we transfer monies from one Unity account to another Unity account ourselves. (RK) asked if we should look to move or leave money in the Elizabeth Smith Trust account. Cllrs felt it best to leave this account alone for the time being.

10.2 Precept and 25-26 Budget Setting: Cllrs discussed new budget for the next financial year. Spending for 25-26 is forecast to be £18,675.54 with an Income figure of £3,040.00 This gave a Precept figure of £15,635.54. A resolution to increase the Precept by 15.7% in order to go some way to alleviating the effects of many years of zero increases and increasing burdens was accepted by the majority of Councillors.

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| Current account balance (as at 31/12/24) | £9,814.19 |
| | -£2,067.40 Fund Raising |
| | -£ 716.80 Fund Raising |
| | -£ 50.00 Fund Raising |
| | -£ 1,360.00 Fund Raising |
| | -£ 145.00 Fund Raising |
| | -£ 250.00 Funding Raising |
| | Actual Figure £5,224.99 |

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| Reserve Account (as at 31/12/24) | £10,930.95 |
| | - £232.00 Donations |
| | Actual Figure £10,698.95 |
| Sumup Account (as at 31/12/24) | £ 1,141.88 |

11. Councillor's Reports: (RK) reported that rubbish has been dumped into a ditch on Sutton Lane. (TF) said he would check if reported to Fly Tip Line.

(MT) asked if Minutes, once signed at PC meeting could be placed on the Notice board. (Clerk) said he would do this from now on.

(RB) stressed the need to communicate funds raised better to Parishioners. (RB) raised the issue of some Parishioners finding it difficult to step off the bus at the stop in Granby, could a step be put in place. (Clerk) to contact Centrebus ref; 833 service. (MS) stated he wrote a letter on this point last year. (RB) said a Parishioner had enquired ref; more Christmas decoration in Granby, (RB) replied this was possible but was dependent on more volunteers.

(BP) mentioned hedges in the Cemetery. (Clerk) to find out owner of land adjacent to Cemetery and ask if they can cut hedge. (BP) stated that Church service taking place in Village Hall on Sunday 26th would require chairs putting out.

(SM) enquired about fallen brash on the Green's and was it anyone's responsibility to clear it. (TF) pointed out that this is the kind of job a Lengthsman could do.

(MS) asked Cllrs opinions on turning off street lights between midnight and 5am. Agreed that (TF) to ask the question to Parishioners on the Website.

12. Chairman's Reports: (TF) None Stated

Meeting Closed 20.55

Chair (TF)

Date