

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9th May 2024

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

Open session: One member of the public was present.

Cllr Grocock updates- Cllr Grocock reminded Cllrs that meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Plan will take place on 23rd May 2024 at Orston VH. Clerk has circulated an email from Cllr Grocock regarding an appeal against the solar farm application in Thoroton and Hawksworth. An action group has been formed to oppose the application, if it goes ahead it will have a significant negative impact on the local grid. Cllr Grocock has completed his first year as a Borough Cllr and will stand again. Cllr Grocock said Rushcliffe had a good turn out of voters for the recent May elections (37.7%). Labour candidate Claire Ward was elected as the new East Midlands Mayor and Labour candidate Gary Godden was elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. Cllr Grocock reminded Cllr Stevenson to copy him in to any correspondence to RBC regarding the proposed development on land in Sutton. Cllr Kuca said that a local resident had recently been successful in getting an area of footpath repaired by VIA and asked Cllr Grocock to inform other constituents that repairs such as this are being made. Cllr Grocock to provide updates on the routing of Barkestone solar farm construction traffic at the next PC meeting.

1. Apologies for absence & acceptance- None received

2. Election of Chair- Cllr Fewell was elected as Chair. Thanks given to Cllr Stevenson for his service to the PC. Cllr Fewell continued as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chair- Cllr Steveson elected as VC for an initial period of 3 months. Possible extension to October 2024 to be decided at next meeting.

4. Declaration of acceptance of Office- Declarations of acceptance for Chair and VC were signed and dated.

5. Declaration of interest on items below- Cllr Stevenson is representing PC interests in proposed development of land in Sutton. Cllr Fewell happy for Cllr Stevenson to be the appointed delegate.

6. Approval of minutes 14th March 2024- signed and approved. Minutes from 11th April 2024 to be signed and approved at the June PC meeting.

7. Correspondence

NALC Chief Executive Bulletin, 11th, 18th, 25th April and 2nd May

Future of Health in Rushcliffe 2024, 27th June 2024, 2pm-6pm, Cotgrave Welfare

NALC Newsletter, 17th April, 1st May

RBC Town and Parish Update, 19th April, 1st May

Nottinghamshire Police Rushcliffe South- Priority Setting Meeting minutes, 18th of April.

RBLI, Do you have your Parish ready for D-Day 80?, email from Dylan Murray- Cllr Fewell said the PC plans to mark the event.

Nottinghamshire Police Rushcliffe Inspector Tim Cuthbert, April blog report

Hawksworth / Thoroton Solar Industrial Estate, email from Cllr Grocock

NottsALC May Newsletter and Model Financial Regulations 2024- Clerk said that this will be a useful model for the PC to use when reviewing their financial regulations in the next few months.

8. Review of Standing Orders – Cllrs agreed for the start time of monthly PC meetings to be changed from 7:30 to **7pm** with a finish time of 9pm. Aim to finish by 8:30pm. Standing orders can be suspended if needed.

9. Proposed development on Land off Sutton Lane- Cllr Stevenson is due to discuss the details of the recent housing need survey with RBC. 85 surveys were returned out of the 144 delivered to residents resulting in a 59% return rate and roughly 60% support for the building of rented/sub market rent houses. It is expected that more surveys will be returned in the coming weeks after some houses were missed during the first round of deliveries. Cllr Kuca asked if the proposed sub market properties would be reserved for people in the parish, Cllr Grocock said they could not be ring fenced but that priority would be given to people with local connections. As the houses would be owned by a private landlord it is the landlord who would make the decision about who rents the properties. Cllr Stevenson is to meet with the landowner on 10th May to discuss the results of the survey and will meet them and their architect again in a week's time for an update. The PC does not yet have an official written planning application from the land owner. Cllr Kuca asked if the PC had obtained any quotes for legal representation yet? Cllr Stevenson said a solicitor had not yet been sought. **Action: Cllr Fewell and Stevenson to identify at least 2 solicitors to represent the PC, to be done in the next two weeks. Cllr Tubbs to enquire with Wilkin Chapman Solicitors.**

10. Village Hall

Firedoors- **Action: Cllrs Fewell and Stevenson to assess and report back at June PC meeting.**

Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection to happen in May- date. **Action: Clerk to update at June PC meeting.**

Playground- ROSPA inspection May. Wire around the base of agility rails to protect from strimmer- **Action: Clerk to report back at the next meeting.**

Request for more tables- In addition to the request from the WI for new trestle tables the Clerk has received a request from the WI for permission to install a new noticeboard in the VH. The WI will pay for the noticeboard. Cllrs agreed the WI could erect a new noticeboard but would need to seek clarification on the size and possible position of it within the hall. **Action: Cllr Biggs and Fewell to speak to WI and report back at next meeting.**

Hall Hire Fees – **Cllrs agreed to keep hall hire fees for regular users at £15.** Cllr Kuca has had no response to his advert in the village newsletter regarding possible table tennis sessions in the VH. Cllr Tubbs said a couple of residents had suggested hosting a 'Sausage and Mash' night. Cllr Kuca proposed a board games night. Cllr Fewell recommended using the 'Raise The Roof' fundraising party in September to promote events at the VH. Clerk received an email from a person who provides chair yoga sessions at Barnstone Village Hall re possibly putting on classes at Granby VH. **Action: Cllr Kuca to contact organiser of Chair Yoga sessions, consider an 'early bird' booking scheme and email ideas to Cllrs.**

11. Cemetery

A request from a resident for a new upright headstone was approved at the last PC meeting in April. Cllrs agreed that the resident will need to pay the £75 cemetery fee.

12. Best Kept Village- Cllrs agreed there is too much to be done ahead of entry for this year's competition, therefore the PC will enter next year in 2025. It needs to be planned well in advance of the summer. **Action: Clerk to create a calendar of event reminders for Cllrs.**

13. D-Day Celebrations- Cllr Fewell said Union Jack flags would be flown and bunting would be put up. Cllr Tubbs said the History group are doing a table display to mark the event at the Saturday Parish coffee morning in June. **Action: Clerk to remind Cllr Fewell to advertise D-Day and put up flags etc and advertise the history group exhibition on FB.**

14. Fundraising event for the Village Hall- A fundraising event called 'Raise The Roof' to raise funds for VH repairs is planned to take place on Sunday 15th September 2024. Full details of the event will be published in the next few weeks. Cllr Fewell would like a separate PC fundraising account to be set up. There will be fixed costs that will need to be paid for upfront, and money for these will come from the PC bank account. **Action: Cllr Fewell to check PC liability insurance. Cllr Biggs to ask landlord of The Marquis about outside license. Clerk to arrange a separate bank account.**

15. Parish Council Card reader- Cllr Fewell proposed purchasing a PC card reader that could be used at events such as the 'Raise the Roof' fundraiser in September and for taking VH bookings. **Cllrs agreed to purchase. Action: Cllr Biggs to purchase card reader**

16. Forthcoming events- D-Day 80- 6th June , WI plant sale- 25th May

17. Planning- No items for consideration

18. Finance

Current account balance (as at 07/05/24)	£15,190.90
Reserve Account (as at 28/03/24)	£10,582.75
Accounts for payment:	Excl VAT
Caretaker Salary April 2024	£171.35
Clerk Salary April 2024	£412.25
HMRC	£61.80
Clerk reimbursements, broadband	£11.67
Caretaker reimbursements, tea towels and staples for staple gun	£19.97
Valda Energy-Electricity, DD	£26.12
Valda Energy- Gas, DD	£66.47
EE, Parish Council Mobile Phone Bill, April 24, DD	£20.50
Chameleon Design and Printing- newsletter	£96.00
P E Hempstead & Sons, April mowing	£485.00

Action: Clerk to add monthly PC income on to the agenda/minutes

19. Clerk and RFO vacancy- Following an interview on 7th May the HR committee agreed to appoint Mr Shaun Ellis as the new Clerk and RFO. Mr Ellis will start his new position on 10th May 2024. Cllrs welcomed Mr Ellis to the PC. Mrs Walker's last day will be Monday 13th May.

20. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Kuca- Encouraged residents to speak to NCC if they notice any footpaths or road surfaces that are in need of repair. VIA have recently completed footpath repairs in Granby. Cllr Kuca asked if a General Election were to take place on a Thursday whether the election would take priority over a PC meeting. Cllr Grocock confirmed that the election would take priority.

Cllr March- Reminded Cllrs to purchase a thank you gift for the Sutton resident who has kindly cleared vegetation from the footpath between Granby to Sutton. Cllr March said the bench half way up Sutton Lane is in need of some maintenance. Cllr Stevenson said the bench on the green in Sutton is also due some repairs. **Action: Cllr Kuca and Stevenson to complete the maintenance.**

Cllr Stevenson- to meet with RBC planners to discuss the recent housing need survey distributed to residents of Sutton and Granby.

21. Chairman's Reports- Cllr Fewell thanked the PC for electing him as the new Chair.

Meeting closed: 21:31

Next Meeting: 13th June 2024, 7pm