

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th February 2022

Present: Cllrs. Daw (Chair), Humphreys, Preece, Fewell, Stevenson, March, Bailey RBC, Mrs. Beecroft (Clerk).

Apologies for absence: Cllr Purdue-Horan

Resignation: Cllr Powell has resigned from the PC due to personal reasons. The PC would like to thank Cllr Powell for her valuable contribution to the Council. A notice has been displayed regarding the vacancy which will be in place until 23rd February.

Action: Cllr Daw to change contact details for the defibrillator from Cllr. Powell to the clerk.

Declaration of interests: Cllr Fewell & Clerk declared an interest in planning decision 21/02143/FUL.

Approval of minutes: 13th January minutes approved and signed as a true record.

Correspondence: OFCOM postal regulation consultation – NALC will be responding to OFCOM's consultation regarding postal regulation from 2022-27. Cllrs agreed that NALC's response would be sufficient.

CT4N Local bus service 33 – This route will cease on 30th April – this will affect the early morning bus. NCC are hoping to source a replacement.

RCAN CSE Energy Audit Template – Cllrs agreed this was a useful template which could be used to identify any energy efficiency improvements which could be made.

Action: Cllr Humphreys to start audit using the template.

Village Hall:

VH Barge Board Replacement – The third quotation has been problematic to obtain. Cllr Humphreys has contacted the conservation officer, Sera Baker, who says that a repair rather than a replacement looks possible. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to discuss further with Conservation Officer.**

Fencing to the rear of the VH – Risk Assessment sent to Mr & Mrs Salden, work to be scheduled when assessment agreed.

Cleaning Rota & Caretaker Role – Awaiting feedback from possible candidate.

Cleaning rota agreed- March -July

Basketball Hoop – Awaiting delivery.

Purchase of Picture Hanging Track – Stuart Humphreys Granby cum Sutton History Group has proposed the installation of a gallery hanging system in the VH. This would enable exhibition items & photos to be displayed more easily. Estimated cost is £500. An application to be submitted to 'Let's Create Jubilee Fund'. Cllr Bailey offered to contribute £250 from Community Support funding after 5th April.

Action: Cllr Humphreys to obtain a quotation and submit Application for Jubilee fund. Cllr Bailey to send Community Support Application form.

Domesday Book Online Entry – Cllrs agreed the VH should have an entry.

Information needed regarding the history of the VH and current events taking place along with a photograph. Cllr Fewell suggested a competition to involve local children to produce a picture/photograph of the VH.

Action: Cllr Humphreys to ask History Group for information. Cllr Fewell to draw up competition poster.

Cemetery & Churchyard Maintenance:

WRS Trees – work update: hedge and tree pruning in Cemetery and Churchyard completed.

Cemetery Roses -Rugosa rose hedge pruned, cost to be added to invoice. Further tidying around roses to be done as part of the village clean-up.

Forthcoming Events:

Annual Parish Meeting 7th April 2022

Speaker Leslie Taylor confirmed. Although not a Parish Council meeting, all Cllrs to attend as this enables parishioners to meet the councillors and discuss any issues they have. Reports from the community groups will be requested and made available at the meeting. A poster will be displayed to advertise this event.

Action: Clerk to contact the community groups to request reports & display poster.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Ideas & consideration of PC Funding

A meeting was held on 3rd February with interested parishioners, a lot of ideas received and offers of activities & support. A provisional timetable of events has been drawn up, due to be agreed by group prior to circulation. Potential events include: History Group Exhibition, Concert, Coffee Morning/Breakfast, Open Gardens, Church Service, Big Jubilee Lunch – both villages, village group photographs, children's entertainment, bouncy castle, live band, beer festival with food vendors and gin bar. Community wide participation: Themed Windows, Royal Scarecrows, Children's scavenger/treasure hunt, and red, white & blue planting.

A special Jubilee newsletter will be published detailing all activities.

The church service will include a presentation of a Jubilee coin or medal to the children of the parish. Cost of the 50p Jubilee coin is £4.50, cost of a medal £2.38.

Children's entertainment quotes have been received from Sian Hamson. **Action: Cllr March to inform Sian of a resident who is a children's entertainer.**

Insurance and road closures will be required. **Action: Parish Clerk**

Quotes have been requested from anyone requesting PC funding for Jubilee events.

A budget of £2,500 was agreed by all councillors.

Actions: Cllr Daw to confirm provisional timetable with relevant people. Clerk to make a flyer for each household to get numbers of children for the Jubilee coin. Clerk to contact Sian regarding further quote. Cllr Humphreys to contact photographer in Granby regarding group photographs.

Jubilee Tree Planting – suggested location Cemetery memorial garden and verge leaving Granby towards Plungar. Jubilee Green Canopy along the verge leaving Sutton toward Elton. Considerations before final decision, maintenance of verges and safe access to view permission from NCC Highways needed for trees on the verges.

Cllr. Humphreys to further research tree planting & locations.

Planter on the village green - Cllr Fewell approached regarding wooden planter for Sutton green. Cllrs rejected the idea due to maintenance of planters and obstruction caused for grass cutting. Suggested continuing with planting around water pump.

Fundraising – Cllr Stevenson suggested an auction of promises, e.g. 2 hours gardening, as a way of raising money. Cllrs agreed to pursue after Jubilee. Consideration of where to donate money to include local hospices.

Planning:

21/02937/FUL – The Nook, Church Street, Granby - Demolition of existing detached garage: construction of new detached garage: construction of side and rear extensions to existing single storey dwelling; replacement of all windows, gutters, fascias and soffits, with full external redecoration/alterations. GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

21/02143/FUL – Agricultural Barn Adj. to Highfield Farm Bungalow, Sutton

Conversion of agricultural barn to a single dwelling. GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS.

An enforcement notice has been issued to Granby Hall, Chapel Lane, Granby to remove the wall that has been constructed without planning permission. This can be appealed before 13th February and if no appeal is received the work must be completed by 13th August.

Finance:

Banking Update: Clerk thanked Cllrs for visiting the bank. Await confirmation all new signatories are added. **Action: Clerk to inform Cllrs when completed.**

A Trust Account (Elsie Smith Bequest) has been identified as dormant for five years by the bank and has been closed. No prior warning was received in the post by previous clerk. The funds are available for the PC to claim back, however the bank no longer opens Trust Accounts and will not be re-instated by the bank. Clerk has been advised that only the interest of this account can be used for maintenance of the relevant gravestone. Cllrs were unsure of the history of the account and the Trust. **Action: Clerk to investigate what legal options there are.**

Clerk is pursuing online banking options and will report back to Cllrs with her findings.

Action: Clerk to research options & include on future agenda.

Current Account Balance as at 31.01.22:	£13,700.66
Reserve Account as at 31.12.21:	£10,396.45
Accounts for payment (Excl VAT) - Approved	

Octopus – gas (DD)	£71.86
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£14.44
Erika Humphreys (Net World Sports Basketball Hoop)	£98.70
RCAN Annual Membership	£95.00

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Humphreys has received an email from a resident asking if the PC would like to put a memorial/monument relating to the Covid Pandemic as he has been involved in some research regarding recognition of loss. This is an idea that has been discussed previously by Cllrs and the decision not to have a memorial remains unchanged.

Meeting Closed at 9:30PM

Next Meeting 10th March 2022 7:30PM