

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th March 2022

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Bailey (RBC).

Declaration of interests: The Clerk declared an interest in planning applications 22/00135/FUL and 22/00295FUL.

Approval of minutes: 10th February minutes approved and signed as a true record.

Correspondence:

New Ward Boundaries – Proposals for PC to be in Cranmer ward along with Aslockton, Whatton, Elton, Orston, Thoroton & Flawborough. Would have one councillor.

Notts ALC Breakthrough Training - Various training opportunities available. **Action: Cllrs & Clerk to consider attending.**

LGA New Code of Conduct - New Code of Conduct is being considered by RBC. PC to consider adopting this if & when RBC adopt it.

NCC Consultation on Draft Waste Plan - No mention of previously proposed HWRC in Cotgrave or any new HWRC in the area. **Action: Cllr Daw to contact Cllr Purdue-Horan for more information.**

Councillor Vacancy – No requests for an election so PC can co-opt a new Cllr. **Action: Clerk to display poster advertising vacancy.**

Village Hall:

Basketball Hoop – Has arrived, to be set up outside shortly. **Action: Cllr Humphreys.**

ACRE Covid Risk Assessment & Conditions of Hire – Cllrs decided not to adopt these.

Notice Board – Damaged during the storm, probably needs complete replacement.

Clerk has contacted insurers for confirmation of cover & £400 excess. **Action: Clerk to follow up with Insurers.**

Equal Opportunity Employment Policy:

This was requested for a grant application. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to draft a policy.**

Review of Financial Regulations including internal controls:

Cllrs have reviewed and agreed these with no changes.

Review of Financial Risk Register:

Clerk has updated this, Cllrs reviewed and agreed changes.

Review of Fixed Asset Register:

Basketball hoop & new fencing has been added. Cllrs agreed below changes:

Remove Folding Chairs x 30

Add Oak Posts on Sutton Green & Flip Chart in VH

Correct Defibrillator location (from Sutton Green to Main St Sutton)

Action: Clerk to update, also to check table quantities & projector location. Cllr Preece to check urn location with the Church.

Dog Fouling:

Regularly occurring on the greens & pavements despite bins. Cllrs discussed politely checking dog owners have means to pick up excrement but only if they felt comfortable doing so. **Action: Clerk to include reminder on household flyer.**

Samuel & Elizabeth Smith Trust - £50 each left in Trust in 1951, interest to be used to maintain their grave. Currently £210 interest – work required quoted at least £1,100.

Elsie Smith Bequest: £750 left in Trust in 1979, interest to be used for PC's general purposes, there is a moral obligation to maintain Elsie & her husband's graves. Text is currently clear on both graves – one needs cleaning. Currently £709 interest.

The capital for both trusts cannot be spent and needs to be kept for 100 years.

Action: Clerk to write to NatWest asking for E.S. account to be re-opened, look at cleaning options & email NALC for further legal & accounting confirmation.

Forthcoming events:

Annual Parish Meeting 7th April 2022 – This needs to be promoted. **Action: Clerk to print flyers & Cllrs to help distribute to each household.**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Timetable sent out to relevant people; some feedback needed. Insurance discussed – clerk awaiting some clarification.

Quotation for children's entertainment £250 & bouncy castle hire £135 approved, subject to relevant insurance. This is the only request for funds received so far.

Jubilee Grant Application made for £969 for picture hanging track & photo printing for history exhibition.

Jubilee Tree – Cllrs agreed a native Mountain Ash (Sorbus) costing £69.99 to be planted in the memorial gardens with a plaque.

Jubilee newsletter – Cllr Humphreys & her husband have volunteered to write this.

Action: Clerk to order bunting & flags & follow up insurance. Cllr Preece to check tractor insurance. Cllr Daw to follow up timetable queries. Cllr Humphreys to purchase tree & draft newsletter.

Village Clean Up / Great British Spring Clean

Official Great British Spring Clean is 25th March to 10th April. Cllrs agreed VH hall to be open for collection of litter pickers, bags & gloves on 9th April. **Action: Clerk to add information to household flyers.**

Planning: For consideration:

22/00135/FUL – Highacre, Sutton. Demolition of existing dwelling & construction of new dwelling. **No objection providing concerns of Chapel Farm & Chapel Barn are addressed.**

22/00295/FUL - Manor Barn, Granby. Replacement of garden shed. **No objection**

21/01142/FUL (21/00082/BUILD) - Appeal against Enforcement Notice Granby Hall.

Previous comments relating to original application still stand.

Decisions: None

Finance:

Banking update – still awaiting Cllrs to be added to the account. **Action: Clerk to write complaint to Natwest.**

Current Account Balance as at 28.02.22: £13,680.05

Reserve Account as at 31.12.21: £10,396.45

Accounts for payment (Excl VAT) - Approved

Octopus – gas (DD)	£20.81
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£60.69
Rushcliffe Borough Council (Garden Waste Collection Cemetery)	£40.00
WRS (Hedge Trimming, Cemetery)	£250.00
WRS (Ash Tree Crown Lift, Churchyard)	£150.00
A Coy (RBC Garden Waste Collection VH)	£25.00
Greenfields Countryside Ltd (VH Fencing)	£1,425.00
C Beecroft (Wages Dec – Mar, expenses stamps, ink & broadband)	£821.77
HMRC	£180.40

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Fewell: Letter sent to Orston Primary headteacher regarding the Domesday Book VH competition.

Woodland Trust saplings are not appropriate for verge planting – to consider free trees from RBC in the Autumn.

Request received for planters underneath each village sign, this has previously been discussed by Cllrs - decision not to have planters remains the same.

Cllr Preece: Church has damage to its pinnacle & lighting rod so area in Churchyard is roped off in case of debris falling.

Cllr March: Reg Kitchen bench on Sutton Lane needs painting. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

Cllr Humphreys: VH Barge boards require a Heritage Joiner to repair with epoxy resin. Fencing to rear of play area is complete.

Cllr Daw: Town & Parish Forum is 24th March – Cllrs Fewell, Daw & Humphreys to attend. **Action: Clerk to confirm attendance.**

Elaine Walsh in Granby is collecting items which will go to those in need in Ukraine.

Meeting Closed at 9:30PM

Next Meeting 14th April 2022 7:30PM