

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th November 2022

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

Apologies for absence: None

Declaration of interests: Clerk & Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in the allotments

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

Correspondence:

NALC - DLUHC Committee Funding Inquiry – Department for Levelling up, Housing & Communities is having a review. Cllrs had nothing to add to NALC's position.

Police Priority Setting Meeting Minutes – minutes were discussed. Next meeting 19th January. **Action: Cllrs to advise Clerk if they are to attend.**

East Midlands Airport - Airspace Modernisation – PC invited to consultation events online regarding change in flight paths below 7,000 ft. **Action: Clerk to attend events & feedback to Cllrs.**

Live & Local – An opportunity to hold live entertainment events at VH with no cost. If ticket sales are below cost, funding available to cover. Can sign up with no obligation/cost. **Action: Clerk to sign up.**

Village Hall:

Joinery Quotes for Fire Doors – Two quotes have been obtained but third is proving difficult. Several joiners have said will quote but then no response. **Action: Clerk to continue to approach further joiners.**

Playground – The replacement swing has been installed. Goal posts have also been re-fitted. Thanks to Philip Straw, Cllr Stevenson & Clerk.

Caretaker role – Clerk approached local PCs enquiring of any capacity to help. Vacancy forwarded and interest received. Discussed opening & locking up of VH if applicant is not resident in Granby. Cllr Humphreys & March happy to open up & close. Discussed furniture set up & clear away – other VHs don't provide this service. To be discussed with any applicant. **Action: Clerk to follow up interest.**

Gas & Electricity Renewal – Prices from Utility Aid have come down since last meeting. Clerk has chased for additional quotes from another broker, which still have not arrived. British Gas Lite approximate estimate annual cost £2,153. Need to have a fixed contract to get best benefit from Government support. **Action: Clerk to proceed with 1 Year Fixed Contract with British Gas Lite.**

Allotments: Interest received from seven residents, as a result there is legal requirement for PC to try to source land – though not to obtain at any cost. Clerk has obtained solicitor quote of between £1,500 - £2,000 for land donation. PC would need own solicitors as well. Also cost of metal fence & access ramp required. Proposed model is setting up of allotment society who would pay rent to PC. **Action: Cllr Stevenson/Clerk MS to arrange meeting of interested residents.**

Civility & Respect Pledge and Councillors Code of Conduct NALC have drawn up a pledge for councils to sign regarding Civility & Respect. RBC have adopted the new LGA model Code of Conduct with some alterations. **Action: Clerk sign C&R Pledge for PC, send link for RBC CoC & include on next agenda.**

Forthcoming Events:

Christmas Cllr Daw still sourcing trees, AW Lymn are proving tree for inside the Church. Cllrs Fewell, Humphreys, March & Clerk to decorate. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to locate stand.**

Events to be included on next agenda: Annual Parish Meeting & King's Coronation.

Planning:

Decisions: Non material amendment of planning application 21/00002/FUL – Barnsdown, Old Forge Lane, Granby. Various amendments. NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT AGREED.

Budget Review & Precept: Potential costs for next year discussed. New NJC hourly rates received. Precept info not yet received. **Action: Clerk to send out new rates and look into Cemetery charges.**

Dog Waste Bins – Problem with waste bin in Sutton reported again. Suggestion received for another waste bin at Sutton Village green. **Action: Clerk to look into obtaining another bin on the verge near footpath entrance. Cllr March to put up new RBC fouling signs.**

Finance

Current account balance (as at 31/10/22):	£10,727.25
Reserve Account (as at 30/09/22):	£10,402.84
Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
Octopus – gas (DD)	£24.52
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£20.00
Hempsteads – October Mowing	£429.00
C Beecroft – Folding stool	£13.29

Councillors' reports

Cllr March – Verge on the pavement on Sutton Lane has been partially trimmed but more to be done. Clerk has reported Sutton Lane & Plungar Road to Via EM who have inspected & will be carrying out work.

Cllr Fewell – Lime Farm in Sutton has ivy overhanging the pavement. Public footpath signs still missing. Cllr March is looking into missing signs. **Action: Clerk to write to Lime Farm. Cllr Fewell to check footpath info on PC website is still accurate.**

Cllr Preece – Pothole located on Plungar Road outside Severn Trent Plant. **Action: Clerk to report.**

Cllr Humphreys – Jubilee Village Photos have been printed. Thanks to Alan Fletcher for doing this. Two welcome packs required for new residents. Coffee mornings have on several occasions been used as charity events – in future charity events need to be held separately to Coffee Mornings as funds from CMs are used for VH planters etc. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to get photos framed as agreed previously & to review welcome packs in the future. Clerk to deliver welcome packs.**

Meeting closed: 21:10

Next meeting: 8th December 2022, 7.30pm