

## **Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

**Apologies for absence:** None

**Declaration of interests:** None

**Approval of minutes:** 8<sup>th</sup> December minutes approved and signed as a true record.

### **Correspondence:**

RSVCSG Minutes, Community Speed Watch KIN – Police are looking for people to join a Key Individual Network. Also have sent Community Speed Watch information.

Previous issues with CSW was number of volunteers & training requirements. **Action: Clerk to advertise via website & Facebook.**

NALC Events & New Councillor/Refresher Training. **Cllrs declined on this occasion.**

Town & Parish Forum Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. **Action: Cllrs to advise Clerk if attending.**

Low Carbon Energy and Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document Consultation, 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Guidance to planning applicants on reducing carbon emissions & delivering sustainable developments. **Action: Cllrs to advise Clerk of any consultation comments.**

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – Preferred Approach Consultation, 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Gives the preferred sites for development including housing through to 2038. Cllr Bailey – development between Orston & Elton is not included on this plan. **Action: Cllrs to advise Clerk of any consultation comments.**

### **Village Hall:**

Printer – Has developed another fault most likely by using compatible (non Xerox) toner. Engineer visit £119 + VAT, Xerox toner at least £200 each cartridge.

Compatible toner from Teffont £100 each. Discussed reducing newsletter to A4 or using printing company. **Action: Clerk to research sale of printer. Cllr Fewell research replacement printer/printing options.**

### **Allotments:**

Meetings have been held by interested parties - currently 8 in total. Need to look into tree removal. Proposal for legal costs & fence costs to be met by PC, Other costs (access creation, tree removal etc) to be met by allotment holders. Annual allotment fee to be paid to PC – more research needed into fee amount. Landowner legal costs will be around £1,500 - £2,000. **Action: Clerk to research legal fees for PC & fence costs, also contact RBC about tree removal. Cllr Stevenson to research other fees & annual fees.**

### **Website:**

Currently PC pay for a custom domain & use a free service to publish the website. Weebly were going to start charging, would be around \$12 per month for suitable package. However, today Weebly have confirmed they have suspended plans to

introduce this charge but it may be payable in the future. **Action: Cllr Bailey/Clerk to enquire about Town & Parish News to include relevant info on the website.**

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

**APM** – This will be held at 7pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April. PC Meeting to follow.

**King's Coronation** – No national events planned at present. Need community meeting to decide events. Clerk discussing community artist event next week.

**Elections** – Need to advertise for new councillors. Website/Facebook/leaflet drop.

**Action: Cllr Stevenson & Humphreys to draft leaflet re new Councillors & APM. Clerk to add online.**

#### **Planning:**

For consideration: Elton Solar Farm 22/02301/VAR Variation of condition 16 (Operational period) from permission 14/01739/FUL to extend the operational lifetime of the solar farm. **No objection.**

#### **Budget Review & Precept:**

Cllrs reviewed expenditure & income forecast for next year. PC don't meet the criteria for a Cost of Living Grant from NCC. PC reserve funds will have to be used to meet obligations due to increased costs including Gas & Electricity. Precept increase options of between 1% and 15% were looked at with the increase at each band level considered. Cllrs. decided upon a 10% increase, which will result in a Band D charge of £65.15, an increase of £5.95 per year. Precept total will be £12,120.

Clerk has discussed options to reduce grass cutting costs, Hempsteads say that could change to cut every 3 weeks but cost saving wouldn't be proportionate & grass on the greens wouldn't be collected. Cllrs agreed to continue with existing cutting program.

#### **Finance**

Current account balance (as at 31/12/22): £10,307.25

Reserve Account (as at 31/12/22): £10,419.07

**Accounts for payment: (Excl VAT)**

Octopus – gas (DD) Final invoice \*

Octopus – electricity (DD) Final invoice \*

British Gas - Electricity (DD) First Invoice \*

British Gas - Gas (DD) First Invoice \*

Water Plus - Cemetery Water £26.04

J Perring – Timber, padlock & bracket £11.95

C Beecroft – Various expenses £115.45

\* - Due to change in supplier invoice will take up to four weeks to be raised.

#### **Councillors' reports**

**Cllr Stevenson/Clerk** – On several nights this week unoccupied caravans have been left in a field in Sutton adjacent to Willow Cottage. Police have confirmed these are not stolen. Enforcement office from RBC has visited today & are investigating.

**Cllr March** – Path from Sutton to Granby has marking indicating potential work to be done.

**Cllr Fewell** – Item on agenda in December regarding a property for sale on Granby Lane with an Agricultural Restriction. There is a planning application from October which seems to be this property - PC has not been notified. Relates to a tree nursery.

**Action: Cllr Fewell to provide reference number so clerk can investigate.**

Enquired about ivy overhanging Lime Farm which is obstructing the pavement. Letter previously written. **Action: Clerk to be write another letter.**

Enquired about community tree planting discussed in December. Cllr Purdue-Horan was to make enquiries. **Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Purdue-Horan**

**Cllr Daw** – Belvoir Hunt were in Sutton on Saturday, vehicles including horseboxes parked on footpath – blocking access. **Action: Clerk to write a letter.**

Decision in December for Caretaker to only set up/clear the furniture only two groups is causing confusion. **Action: Clerk to discuss additional groups with caretaker.**

**Cllr Bailey** – A Tree preservation order has been issued for two trees at the Old Vicarage. Allows for appropriate pruning.

Meeting closed: 21:30

Next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7.30pm