

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13th January 2022

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Powell, March, Bailey (RBC)

Declaration of interests: None declared.

Approval of minutes: 9th December minutes approved and signed as a true record.

Correspondence: Several training opportunities have been received from NALC. There are two financial courses which the clerk feels would be beneficial. Approval given for clerk to undertake these. **Action: Cllrs to advise if they are interested in any training.**

Cllr. Daw advised that RCAN have invited the PC to make a pledge on social media and also complete an entry for an online 'Domesday Book' during Village Halls Week on 24th – 30th January. As this was not received in time for this month's agenda an entry for the Domesday Book will be discussed at the next meeting. Consideration will be given in the future regarding whether a pledge will be made.

Village Hall Issues:

Maintenance:

Cllr. Humphreys is meeting with Kirk & Bill next week to provide the quotation for the barge boards, this will be the third quotation.

Cllr. Humphreys stated that work on the bottom fencing is due to start in February and that the contractor will be doing appropriate H&S assessments prior to any work commencing.

Hempsteads have provided a new quotation for grass cutting, this has a 2.9% increase on last year. Cllr. Daw explained that the PC have previously looked at other companies which didn't work out very well. Cllrs agreed that Hempsteads are doing a good job & to accept this quotation. **Action: Clerk to accept Hempsteads quotation.**

RCAN Covid Briefing: RCAN have sent a template of additional conditions of hire which relate to Covid 19. These mention capacity numbers, Cllr Humphreys asked if our licensed capacity of 100 standing and 50 seated for the VH would still apply. Cllr. Fewell asked how these figures were derived, Cllr. Daw advised that were from the Fire Regulations. He also explained it is the responsibility of the group booking an event to make sure that Covid regulations are complied with. Cllrs agreed that this template for conditions of hire should be issued with the VH's licensed capacity figures. RCAN poster has already been displayed along with a cleaning record. **Action: Clerk to issue conditions of hire to existing users of the VH.**

Cleaning Rota & Caretaker Role:

Cllr. Daw has spoken to Cllr. March, she will be responsible for January cleaning. Cllr. Humphreys will do this in February, she also raised the question of cleaning supplies. Anyone undertaking the cleaning will notify the clerk if supplies are running low so the

Clerk can purchase replacements. Cllr. Daw advised someone who is interested in the caretaker role, Ann Coy is going to provide them with the job description.

Football Area & Basketball Hoop:

Cllr. Humphreys has explored basketball hoop options including a mobile hoop which can be moved to different locations and costs £69. Agreed to purchase the mobile hoop as a trial, a permanent fixed hoop can be considered in the future if required.

Action: Cllr. Humphreys to order the hoop.

Forthcoming Events:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr. Daw advised that the History Group are going to put on an exhibition, the Singing Group will be doing a concert and there will be bell ringing. The WI have been approached and Lois Hanson is keen to arrange something. Parishioners in Sutton have discussed a street party, on previous occasions several street parties have occurred in Granby which worked well. Other suggestions include planting a tree & giving a coin to each child under 16. The calendar will need organising once all events have been decided.

Action: Cllr. Daw to arrange a meeting of people interested for next month. Cllr. Humphreys to research tree planting. Clerk to research coins.

Planning:

No plans to be considered and no decisions received.

Cllr. Daw received correspondence from LCC regarding the proposed solar farm substation which is not located near to the Parish. No date has been given for when this will be going to the planning committee.

Precept Requirements 2022-23:

Several options were discussed, including keeping the precept at the same level and various increases between 0.90% and 4.7%. Precept has not been increased for at least 14 years. Consideration was given to rising energy costs, potential capital expenditure (replacement of the VH barge boards) and loss of income from the VH during the pandemic. Cllrs. decided upon a 1.90% increase, which will result in a Band D level of £59.21, with the precept total being £10,700.

Action: Clerk to complete the relevant precept paperwork.

Finance:

Cllr Humphreys asked for an update on banking signatures, presently only herself & Cllr. Daw can sign cheques making expenditure reimbursements difficult. The clerk has been into the bank, cllrs need to visit to provide proof of ID unless they already bank with NatWest. Once cllrs have done this, NatWest will send off all of the paperwork together.

Action: Cllrs Preece, Fewell, Stevenson & March to visit NatWest to provide proof of ID.

Current Account Balance: £14,051.82

Reserve Account: £10,396.45

Accounts for payment (Excl VAT) - Approved

NALC training	£60.00
Octopus – gas (DD)	£67.42
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£24.69
S March expenses (Toilet Paper)	£9.45

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Fewell enquired about re-locating the PC printer, clerk advised that it she hopes to house it in the near future. If there is a problem with this Cllr Fewell may have space to house it.

There is also an issue with the lettering on the postbox in Sutton having faded. Cllr Humphreys informed the postman of this several months ago, they said they would report it.

Cllr Humphreys asked if the Coffee Morning due in February should go ahead, it was agreed this should be cancelled. **Action Cllr Humphreys to let Ann Coy know & ask about the rota for the next year.**

Cllr Humphreys & Preece have noticed dog muck appearing on several occasions, in Sutton, on the pavement near the notice board. **Action: Clerk to put a reminder notice on the notice boards.**

Cllr. Daw advised that the speaker from Veolia coming to the Annual Parish Meeting cannot make the original date of 21st April. Agreed for revised date of 7th April. **Action: Cllr Daw to confirm date with the speaker.**

Meeting Closed at 8:40PM

Next Meeting 10th February 2022 7:30PM