

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13th October 2022

Present: Cllrs Stevenson (Chair), Humphreys, Preece, Fewell, Daw, March, Mrs. Beecroft (Clerk), one Member of the public, who raised the following during the open forum:

- There is a missing footpath sign adjacent to Belvoir Vue, possibly others missing too. Has reported online to NCC but not replaced. There are potentially other signs missing/damaged.
Cllr March will look into.
- Regarding the warm space on the agenda, suggestion to use funds from the Solar Farm Development near Jericho Covert.
Cllrs advised that our PC is no longer receiving funds from this development.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Bailey & Purdue-Horan

Declaration of interests: Clerk declared an interest in the allotments item.

Approval of minutes: 26th September minutes approved and signed as a true record.

Correspondence:

RBC – Polling Districts & Polling Places. Cllrs have nothing further to add.

Notts ALC 77th AGM Thursday 17th November 6:30pm Oxtun Village Hall – Voting Delegate will be Cllr Daw, clerk also to attend. **Action Clerk.**

Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group "RSVCSG" 5th December 11am – 1pm Rushcliffe Arena. Cllrs can't attend.

Village Hall:

Joinery Quotes: Have met with further joiner & awaiting quote for Fire door work.
Action Clerk.

Playground ongoing checks: Philip Straw is currently carrying out monthly inspections and would like someone to take over. Would require relevant training. Cllr March will do this. **Action Clerk/Cllr March.**

Notice Board: This has become damaged again – centre & left panel. **Action Cllr Stevenson to repair.**

Oak Posts, Granby Village Greens: One post on main green & one on the back green in Granby have come out of the ground. **Action: Cllrs Fewell & Stevenson to re-set.**

Communications: Website: Clerk has now taken over from John Rainbow as Webmaster. Thanks to John for continuing to do this & for supporting the clerk. Cllr required to monitor website content & ensure it's updated. **Action: Cllr Humphreys.**

Social Media: Cllrs have just attended social media training from RBC. Cllrs decided Granby cum Sutton PC will have its own Facebook page. Clerk will add content, back-up for replying to comments etc from Cllr Fewell. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Fewell.**

Caretaker role – This is being advertised in the newsletter, has previously been advertised with NALC. Will go on Facebook page. Contact nearby PCs. **Action: Clerk**

Gas & Electricity Renewal: Some quotations have been received, still awaiting further quotes, advice is to have 1 year fixed deal. **Action: Clerk to email quotes when they come through.**

Use of Village Hall as a Warm Space: Cllrs discussed this, concerns regarding enough demand, costs & cleaning afterwards. VH is open for coffee morning. **Action: All, Review demand in coming months.**

Allotment: Offer of a gift of some land by Tom Knight, subject to conditions; solicitors' costs are met, 5ft high metal fence provided, plots & hedges are maintained. Would need installation of access ramp, would need to pay drainage rates as borders river Whipling. Severn Trent have right of access across site to the river. Potential extraction licence required if taking water from the river. Concern raised re pollution into river. Cllr Stevenson has researched nearby allotments. Barnstone has 8 allotments, charged £95 per year. At Cropwell Bishop land is let by farmer to PC who sublet it to allotment society, £60 per year for large plot, £30 for small. Both allotments use water from shed water butts. Cllr Stevenson proposed creating an Allotment Society to manage the space with certain rules eg size limits for shed. Need to check if sufficient demand. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to include in newsletter. Clerk to request TK's solicitors' costs.**

Forthcoming Events:

Remembrance Day Services 13th November: Two services; 10:00am at Langar Airfield & 10:50am at All Saints Church Granby. Cllr Fewell will lay PC wreath.

Christmas: Advent Windows, Cllrs decided to give advent windows a break this year. Three Christmas Trees to be purchased. **Action: Cllr Daw**

Planning:

Decisions: Appeal of 21/01142/FUL – Demolition of existing wall & construction of new wall (retrospective), Granby Hall, Chapel Lane, Granby. Appeal allowed; enforcement notice quashed & permission granted.

Budget Review – Review of figures from last year & so far this year. **Action: Clerk to add potential % increases for next year.**

Review Clerk's Hours

Clerk has been working additional hours. Cllrs agreed to increase to 400 hours per year.

Finance

Current account balance (as at 30/09/22):	£14,613.81
Reserve Account (as at 30/09/22):	£10,402.84
Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
Octopus – gas (DD)	£5.10
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£16.23
Hempsteads – September Mowing	£429.00
C Beecroft – Printer Repair, Swing, Stamps	£506.67
McConnells - Electrical Inspection, install fire alarms	£1,777.36
WRS - Crown Lifting Limes, Cemetery Hedge Trimming	£500.00
Information Commissioners Office - Data Protection Fee (DD)	£35.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Wreath	£25.00

Councillors' reports

Cllr Preece – WI have confirmed Tree Location in Memorial Garden

Cllr Daw – Requested a welcome pack for new resident. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Fewell – footpaths signage as discussed during open forum.

Cllr Humphreys – Newsletter to have allotment interest & then printed. **Action: Cllr Humphreys, Cllr Preece & Clerk.**

Meeting Closed at 21:30

Next meeting: 10th November 2022, 7.30pm