

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 8th December 2022

Present: Cllrs Humphreys (Chair), Stephenson, Daw, Preece, Fewell, Mrs. Beecroft (Clerk), Cllr Purdue-Horan (NCC), one member of public arrived mid meeting.

Clerk read out letter as requested by a member of public regarding tree planting:

- Asked for consideration be given to extra work involved in mowing verges & cutting adjacent hedges & appearance of these hedges.
- Also consideration for when trees are fully grown & overhanging the road, leaving branches & straw from passing farm vehicles.

Apologies for absence: Cllr March, absence approved by Cllrs.

Declaration of interests: Clerk declared an interest in the tree planting.

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

Correspondence:

East Midlands Devolution Consultation, closing date 9th January – discussed devolution including increased funding from Government & concerns about merging of the four councils' budgets. **Action: Clls to review further to respond to consultation.**

East Midlands Airspace Modernisation Consultation – Clerk has reviewed the information provided & will feedback to the consultation. **Action: Clerk**

RCAN Network Event – 11am - 2pm Thursday 26th January, North Muskham. Cllrs not able to attend.

Village Hall:

Fire Door Joinery – 3 quotes obtained, R Wheeldon labour only at £575, materials estimate by clerk £850 total £1,425. Quotes for both materials & labour; R Fox £1280 & S Shore £1442. Cllrs agreed to go ahead with R Fox quote. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

Caretaker role – New caretaker, John Perring, appointed after meeting with Cllrs Stevenson & Humphreys & the Clerk. Started on 1st December & has already made a real difference. Cllrs agreed that furniture will be set up & cleared away for WI & Thursday Ladies groups only.

Village Hall Conditions of Hire – Updated conditions requesting Public Liability Insurance certificate is sent to clerk for any hire involving a business. Cllrs agreed to changes.

Councillors Code of Conduct – Cllrs have reviewed Code of Conduct which has been adopted by Rushcliffe. Cllrs agreed to adopt this code of conduct.

Forthcoming Events:

Christmas – Thanks to all those who helped with purchase & decoration of the Christmas Trees. There will be Carols in Paul’s Barn in Sutton on 21st December at 6:30pm & also on Granby Village Green on Christmas Eve, time TBC.

APM – Cllrs discussed problem of getting people to attend, Cllr Purdue-Horan advised that this is a problem for many Parishes. To be included on January’s agenda.

King’s Coronation – Saturday 6th May. Possibility of Live & local artist/performer working with the community to produce art work or similar connected to the Coronation. **Action: Clerk to explore with Live & Local**

Remembrance Day Lamppost Poppies – Granby & Sutton both need 12 replacements, not currently available from the RBL website. Cllrs agreed to purchase. **Action: Clerk to research options.**

Electric Piano Donation to Village Hall – Cllrs discussed possible locations in VH, ultimately felt there was not enough room & it would not be used enough.

Tree Planting, between Otter Cottage & Crossroads, Sutton – Permission required from Highways, they’ve advised that Via Forestry would need to plant the trees despite the scheme being offered by Rushcliffe with Streetwise at a cost of £200 per tree. Permission not required previously. **Action: Clerk to forward emails to Cllr Purdue-Horan & he will forward to his contact.**

Drains Problems on Sutton Lane & Plungar Road, Granby – Ongoing problem, Severn Trent have been out this week, hopefully this has resolved issues.

Planning:

Appeal Decision: Appeal Ref: APP/P3040/W/22/3294802, erection of 2 dwellings on land to the North East of Main Street, Sutton APPEAL DISMISSED

Property for Sale, Granby Lane, Agricultural Restriction – property is listed online for sale, build is not yet complete & seems to be no agricultural activity at site. Enquiries received from the public about enforcement. Clerk has spoken to Rushcliffe planners who confirmed no enforcement options until the property is occupied & in breach of the restriction. Meeting closed so member of public could comment, they advised that there is information in the public domain & declined to add anything further. Meeting re-opened.

Budget Review & Precept – Community Group Grants are available towards rising energy costs. Discussion of various band D increases. Also, quotation from Hempsteads – 9% increase. Precept to be decided in January. **Action: Cllrs to consider options. Clerk to contact Hempsteads to explore options & look into grant.**

Finance

Current account balance (as at 30/11/22): £10,278.77

Reserve Account (as at 30/09/22):	£10,402.84
Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
Octopus – gas (DD)	£45.77
Octopus – electricity (DD)	£22.34
J Powell – Christmas Lights Batteries	£9.31
C Beecroft – Bin Bags, Bleach, Toilet Paper	£6.07
C Beecroft – Salary Sept - Dec	£830.95
J Perring – Salary Dec	£113.76
J Perring – Cleaning Materials & Vacuum head	£56.99
J Daw - Christmas Trees	£180.00

Councillors' reports:

Cllr Stevenson: Meeting of people interested in the allotments tomorrow at 6pm.

Cllr Purdue-Horan: Advised of a questionnaire about how the council budget is spent. Hard copies available in the VH. There is no update on a new tip.

Meeting closed: 9pm

Next meeting: 12th January 2023, 7.30pm