

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Present:** Cllrs. Daw (Chair), Humphreys, Preece, Fewell, March, Stevenson, Purdue-Horan (NCC), Financial Officer Ann Coy, Clerk Claire Beecroft (Minute taker) Also In attendance: one member of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Powell & Bailey (RBC)

**Declaration of interests:** None declared.

**Approval of minutes:** 11<sup>th</sup> November minutes approved and signed as a true record.

**Points of Procedure:** Cllr. Daw stated that at November's meeting an item was discussed which, having arisen after publication of the agenda, was not itemised on the agenda. As such it should not have been discussed in detail and should instead have been put on December's agenda. Had any decisions been taken they would not have been valid. He also stated that if any members of the public wish to comment on any agenda item they should do so in the allocated time prior to the meeting. If they are invited to make a statement during the meeting the chair will formally close the meeting for them to do so and then re-open it once they have commented. Cllr. Daw reminded councillors that if they have any interest in an item it should be declared and they may not join in the discussion.

**Matters arising:**

**Parish Clerk:**

Claire Beecroft has been appointed to this position and was welcomed.

**Playground safety Inspection:**

Cllr. Humphreys stated that this will happen next May. Cllr. Daw advised the importance of the inspection due to safety and insurance.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence other than agenda items.

**Asylum "Contingency Hotel"**

Cllr. Daw stated that he had received a reply from David Banks at RBC providing an update on the situation at the Belvoir Hotel. Cllr. Fewell stated that this update should be relayed to parishioners. Chair closed meeting to allow a comment from member of the public – a request for more information about the letter. Meeting re-opened, confirmed that letter will be published on the website and on the notice boards. **Action: Cllr.**

**Humphreys to publish letter.**

**Village Hall Issues:**

**Maintenance:**

Cllr. Humphreys stated that Kirk & Bill were hopefully coming out this week to provide the quotation for the barge boards, this will be the third quotation.

Cllr. Humphreys stated that a quotation for £250 + VAT had been received for the hedge cutting in the Cemetery. Agreed that this, along with the previous quotation for trimming the ash tree in the Church yard (£150 + VAT), should be accepted. **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to arrange this work.**

Cllr. Preece stated that the new cooker has been used by the WI and worked well.

**Cleaning Rota:**

Cllr. March stated that it would be fairest to do the rota on a monthly basis as there were some weeks with no Village Hall bookings and some with several – this was agreed. Cllr. Daw stated that people can swap amongst themselves if necessary due to holidays. Cllr. Humphreys stated that the WI paid someone to come in to clear the tables after their events. **Action: Cllr. March to ask if this person would be interested in the caretaker role. Cllr. Humphreys to provide job description.**

**Football Area & Basketball Hoop:**

Cllr. Humphreys stated that a flat area had been identified which is past the bins, before the swings, for the new hoop to be installed. Agreed for the hoop to be installed initially with a small concrete fixing to establish if this position is suitable, once this is confirmed the existing playground rubber surface can be extended to underneath the hoop. **Action: Cllr. Humphreys to arrange installation of hoop.**

Cllr. Humphreys stated that the fencing company are due to carry out work on the bottom fence in January.

**Action: Cllr. Humphreys to inform relevant neighbours once she has a date and program of works.**

#### **Village Clean-up**

Cllr. March stated that a parishioner had raised the issue of the volume of leaves on pavements. Ann Coy has already written to request that the road sweeper comes to clear the leaves. Cllr. Humphreys stated that the pavement outside the Vicarage was dangerous due to berries from their yew tree. **Action: Clerk to write to the Vicarage to request that they clean this area.**

#### **NALC AGM – feedback:**

Cllr. Daw attended via zoom, he stated that the bus provision will be changing as a national bus strategy is due in April 2022. £300 million of funding is being provided nationally, with 4,000 net zero buses due over the next few years. Several areas being considered including on demand services & cheaper fares. Due to number 24 service from Melton to Bingham being in Leicestershire a reason could not be provided as to why it had stopped. Evening and Sunday services were requested, but services can only run if there is sufficient use of them. Positive feedback on the service running through Granby & Sutton.

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

##### **Christmas:**

Cllr. Daw stated that Granby's Christmas trees are up and Sutton's will be going up tomorrow. It is likely that the Christmas Cheer event on 11<sup>th</sup> December will be altered to cancel the refreshments in the village hall due to Covid 19 concerns. Carols on Sutton Green on Christmas Eve at 5pm, Granby Village Green at 6pm followed by a service in the Church at 7:30pm is still going ahead at present.

#### **Planning for Consideration:**

**21/02833/FUL – Janson Fishery** No Objection

**21/02937/FUL – The Nook, Church Street, Granby** No Objection

**Decisions:** None

#### **Precept Requirements 2022-23**

Ann Coy stated that if the precept amount per house were kept the same it would result in a total of £10,500. Cllr. Humphreys advised the amount has not been increased in 14 years. Consideration needs to be given as whether the PC will have a need for increased funding in the upcoming year. Cllr. Purdue-Horan stated that there is no cap on percentage increase for Parishes; justification would be needed for any increase above 5%. To be discussed in more detail in January.

#### **Finance:**

**Current Account Balance: £14,338.36**

**Reserve Account: £10,396.19**

#### **Accounts for payment (Excl VAT) - Approved**

Financial Officer A Coy Salary	£249.60
HMRC	£62.40
NALC training	£30.00
Octopus	£48.56
A Coy expenses (windowsx3 stampsx7)	£34.55
J Daw expenses (Christmas Trees)	£205.00

#### **Councillors Reports:**

Cllr. March stated that the street light on Dragon Street was not working. Ann Coy advised that it is due for repair on Monday.

Cllr. Purdue-Horan stated that at the full council meeting, it was stated that there will be a pause on the Household Recycling pending national guidelines for waste management. Budget figures which come out in January may give us more information regarding this.

Meeting was closed at 8:45PM and the member of the public was invited to make further comments – sought to seek clarification regarding publication of the letter regarding the Asylum Contingency Hotel. This letter will be printed.

**Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7:30PM**