

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 11 January 2024

Present: Cllrs Stevenson (Chair), Preece, Kuca, Fewell, March, Tubbs, Mrs. Walker (Clerk), Cllr Purdue-Horan (NCC)

Open session – Cllr Purdue-Horan said NCC have been extremely busy dealing with flood related issues. Cllr Grocock is to meet residents at Haven hotel on Thursday 18th January to discuss road safety. **Action: Cllr Fewell to email Cllr Purdue-Horan with an update on Sutton crossroads and copy the Clerk in.**

1. Apologies for absence & acceptance- Cllr Grocock (RBC)

2. Declaration of interest on items below- None

3. Approval of minutes 14 December 2023- Approved and signed as a true record

4. Correspondence

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire Precept and Priorities Consultation 2023- Cllr Stevenson interested in attending as rural crime and crime prevention is relevant to the PC.

Community Flood Signage Scheme- anyone can volunteer to be part of the NCC Flood Signage Scheme. Scheme gives anyone the authority and means to close roads when standing water reaches a certain level. Cllrs agreed the PC should apply. Cllr Biggs said he could speak to residents living near the bridge on Granby Lane as this is a site of recurrent flooding. **Action: Clerk to apply to NCC to be part of the scheme.**

5. Village Hall

Repairs- Clerk spoke to contractors who advised that it would be most cost effective to get all the repairs done at the same time due to the cost of scaffolding. Clerk read out a list of possible funding sources. Cllr Fewell agreed to set up a spreadsheet of possible funding sources and deadlines for applications. Cllrs agreed that community fundraising events will be needed such as quiz nights and other social events.

Firedoors- Clerk has met with the joiner at the Village Hall. Firedoor to kitchen not closing properly and firedoor leading to committee room from the main hall is catching on the housing unit. Caretaker also reported that batteries needed replacing in the housing unit for the door leading from the hall to the committee room. **Action: Cllr Fewell and Stevenson to meet with Caretaker on Friday 12th January to resolve the issues.**

6. Forthcoming events- Cllr Purdue-Horan said that Granby cum Sutton PC will be 50 years old in May 2024 and suggested that the PC might want to do something to mark this event.

7. Planning- No consultations

8. Finance-

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| Current account balance (as at 31/12/23): | £9,629.23 |
| Reserve Account (as at 29/12/23): | £10,545.01 |

9. Budget Review and Precept- The Clerk shared details of income and expenditure for the 2022-2023 financial year, the 2023-2024 financial year to date and estimated income and expenditure for 2024-2025. The biggest expenditure for the 2024-25 financial year will be repairs to the Village Hall which are expected to exceed £20,000. Funds from Parish Council current and reserve accounts will be used towards the cost of repairs but fundraising will also be needed. In light of this and increased costs for utilities Cllrs agreed a precept increase of 11.5%. This will result in a Band D charge of £72.66, an increase of £7.50 per year. Precept total will be £13,514. Cllrs agreed a fee of £25 for groups hiring the Village Hall with a £10 extra charge if the cooker is to be used. Hire for birthday parties will be £50. Cemetery fees are to be reviewed at the next meeting **Action: Cllr Tubbs to contact Lymms for details of their current fees. Cllr Tubbs and Fewell to review together.**

10. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Kuca- hedge has still not been reinstated at the bottom of Granby hill, hardcore has just been pushed to the side. Cllr Purdue-Horan agreed to follow this up with Laura Trussler at NCC. Cllr Kuca confirmed that an HR committee meeting had taken place to review the Clerk's hours. The Clerk will keep a record of hours worked and Cllrs agreed that the Clerk will be paid for any additional hours. Cllrs agreed for the Clerk and Caretaker's pay to be changed from quarterly to monthly pay.

Cllr Preece- Asked that PC agendas be put up in the noticeboards. **Action: Clerk to put agendas in Granby noticeboard and Cllr Stevenson to put them up in Sutton noticeboard.** Cllr Preece suggested allowing an 'A' board for the green near the pub to publicise coffee and cake at the Marquis.

Cllr Tubbs- has been informed that a tree in the churchyard which overhangs a resident's garden may be unstable following recent storms. Cllrs agreed for the tree to be assessed by a local tree surgeon. **Action: Cllr Stevenson to contact tree surgeon.**

11. Chairman's Reports- Land at Sutton

Cllr Stevenson continues to have discussions in a personal capacity with the landowner in Sutton regarding proposed changes to land off Sutton Lane. Cllr Stevenson has received a request from the planners for the landowner (or his representative) to give a presentation of the proposals at a Parish Council meeting. Cllrs agreed for this to take place at the next Parish Council meeting in February. There will be a 15 minute open session at the start of the meeting for comments from residents. **Action: Cllr Stevenson to invite landowner and his representatives to attend the next meeting.**

Meeting Closed: 21:09. Next Meeting: 8th February 2024, 7:30pm