

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14 December 2023

Present: Cllrs Stevenson (Chair), Preece, Fewell, March, Tubbs, Kuca, Briggs, Mrs. Walker (Clerk), Cllr Grocock (RBC)

1. Apologies for absence & acceptance- Cllr Purdue-Horan

2. Declaration of interest on items below- None

3. Approval of minutes 9 November 2023- Approved and signed as a true record.

4. Co-Option of a new Councillor- Rick Briggs was co-opted as new Councillor.

5. Parish Council Phone- Clerk has found a suitable phone. **Action: Clerk to publish number once phone arrives.**

6. Sutton crossroads- Cllr Stevenson shared his review of Sutton crossroad's safety. Cllrs agreed that the yellow backed give way signs proposed by VIA are not sufficient warnings for drivers approaching the crossroads and that 'Stop' signs might be a better option. Cllr Grocock suggested arranging an onsite meeting between Parish Cllrs, Cllr Purdue-Horan (NCC) and representatives from both VIA and Nottinghamshire Police where an onsite inspection can take place. **Action: Cllr Fewell to arrange meeting.**

Clerk received a response to her initial FOI request to Nottinghamshire Police regarding road traffic accidents at Sutton crossroads. This response did not give sufficient detail on the cause of these accidents. **Action: Clerk to submit further FOI**

7. Flooding near Whipling Bridge- Clerk received correspondence from a parishioner regarding the flooding which may have caused a couple of accidents. Clerk reported these concerns to NCC. Flooding is within Whatton Parish boundary. Cllr Grocock to contact Whatton PC Clerk. **Action: Clerk to update Cllrs at next meeting**

8. Village Hall

Repairs to village hall- Clerk has received a new quotation for a full scheme of works totalling £20,300 (ex. VAT). It was agreed a grant would be needed to help cover the costs. **Action: Clerk to contact Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RACN) and investigate funding options.**

Gas & Electricity – Clerk circulated different quotations to Cllrs by email in advance of the meeting. **Cllrs agreed on a 3 year fixed tariff with Valda Energy.**

Playground- Repairs still need to be made to the sandpit and wire mesh needs attaching to the wooden supports of the agility rails. Caretaker has purchased wire mesh. **Action: Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Fewell to meet with Caretaker to fix.**

Fire door repair- Clerk to meet contractor at the village hall on Monday 18th December. **Action: Clerk to feed back at next meeting.**

Table replacement- Replacement folding table (915x685mm) from GoPak currently costs £99.62 (ex. VAT). **Action: Clerk to order**

Projector- Clerk has obtained prices for a range of projectors. **Action: Cllr Fewell to measure screen.**

9. Granby village conservation area review- Cllr Fewell has had a response from Andrew Langley- Project Officer for the conservation area review. Cllr Fewell was reassured that it is not a review to make the conservation area smaller, it may need expanding rather than reducing. The review process will include some level of community engagement, for example taking photos or contributing to the wording of the document. Cllr Fewell advised that the history group are happy to support the Parish Council with this. Cllr Grocock suggested it would be useful to invite Andrew Langley to a Parish Council meeting.

10. Caretaker and Clerk Hours- Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr Tubbs and Kuca in the January. **Action: Clerk to set a date.**

11. Planning: No decisions or consultations-

12. Finance

Current account balance (as at 30/11/23):	TBC
Reserve Account (as at 30/11/23):	£10,506.98

Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
British Gas - Electricity (DD)	£70.06
British Gas - Gas (DD)	£282.85
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£231.66
J Walker - Various reimbursements, Broadband	£30.83
NALC- New Clerk Training Course	£60.00
GW Fisher and Son- Christmas Trees	£272.50
J Walker- Salary November-December	£437.90
J Perring- Salary October-December	£235.30
C Beecroft backdated pay	£188.33
J Perring backdated pay	£70.70
HMRC backdated pay Apr-Oct 23	£62.60

13. Precept requirements and budget 2024-2025- The precept and budget will be looked at in detail during the next meeting in January. Clerk shared details of expenditure for the 2022-2023 financial year. **Action: Clerk to email Cllrs with income figures for 2022-2023 and income and expenditure for the current financial year so far.**

14. Forthcoming events- Carol singing Granby and Sutton

Granby carol singing to take place on Christmas Eve at 5:45pm

Sutton carol singing- TBC **Action: Cllr Tubbs to confirm date and time.**

15. Chairmans Report- Feedback from Town and Parish Council conference

Attended by Cllr Stevenson. The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan- Rushcliffe required to have 120 000 houses by 2038 and is on target for this. Rushcliffe Borough Council- Is looking for a travellers' site with 13 pitches. This is a legal requirement. Granby Conservation Area Review- Cllr Stevenson met with Project Officer Andrew Langley who reassured him that the review will not lead to a reduction in the conservation area. Bin collection- Recycling collections will now include glass. There will be a new bin for food waste. Mayoral election for the new East Midlands Mayor- to take place in May 2024, the administration is likely to have a budget in the region of £38 million and will prioritise Homes, Skills, Transport Infrastructure and Net Zero. Ratcliffe Power Station- to cease operation at the end of 2024, site will be developed to provide hi-tec jobs over the following 3 years. Levelling Up and Regeneration Act- simplifies planning and strengthens powers for dealing with breaches of planning rules and procedures. Jetwashing of playground equipment- sand and bark should be topped up annually **Action: Cllr Stevenson to speak to John about jetwashing equipment.** The Environment Act of 2021- The PC needs objectives and policies in order to promote biodiversity and is required to review these at least once every 5 years from January 2024. Every Neighbourhood Plan should include biodiversity.

16. Councillors' reports-

Cllr Tubbs- noted the quick response from NCC in relation to potholes around Sutton green. The repairs have now been made.

Cllr Kuca- raised the issue of illegal access way on the sharp bend off Granby Lane heading towards the A52. Some work has been done but the rubble still needs to be removed. **Action: Cllr Kuca to contact Highways.**

Cllr Preece- Thank you to Andy and Anna Betts for decorating the Christmas tree outside Granby church. It looks wonderful!

Cllr Stevenson- Re potential offer of community land to PC in Sutton, the landowner is due to meet with planners. Cllr Steveson will attend the meeting. Thank you to Cllr Tubbs and Isabel Daw for the Christmas Cheer concert, it was a great event.

Cllr Grocock- Has arranged for the residents at Belvoir hotel to receive road safety awareness sessions. PC Paul Sanders will be attending. Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Grocock discussed the benefits of creating a Neighbourhood Plan where preferred sites for any future development in the parish can be identified. **Action: Clerk to add Neighbourhood Plan to next agenda.**

Meeting closed: 21:27

Next Meeting: 11 January 2024, 7.30pm