

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2022

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

- No mention of Granby Hall Boundary Wall Enforcement Notice Appeal.
Clerk advised that no decision had been received, was advised during recent training that enforcement appeals can take a year to be decided.
- Permission given for an extension in 2007 at Meadow Vale, works started but not completed, construction recently re-started & neighbours not notified, has planning permission lapsed?
Cllrs advised that once planning permission is granted owner has 3 years to start the development otherwise permission would lapse. As long as development has started within the 3 years the planning permission is valid. Any new neighbours should be advised of any planning applications by their solicitor's searches on the property as part of purchase process.
- Overhanging trees on Sutton Lane, accompanied with photos.
Cllrs advised that this is on the agenda for discussion – PC can write to the relevant property owners.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Stevenson, March, & Daw. Absence approved by Cllrs.

Declaration of interests: Clerk declared an interest in the allotments, High Acre planning decision & erection of 2 dwelling houses NE of Main Street Sutton planning appeal.

Approval of minutes: 14th July minutes approved and signed as a true record.

Correspondence:

Notts ALC New Councillor/ Refresher Training 11th October 6:30pm Nuthall. Cllr Fewell would like to attend if he is free. **Attendance approved. Action: Cllr Fewell/Clerk.**

Notts ALC Chairmans Training – Cllr Stevenson would like to attend. **Attendance Approved. Action: Clerk**

Notts ALC 77th AGM Thursday 17th November 6:30pm Oxton Village Hall. Cllrs unable to attend. **Action: Clerk to check with absent Cllrs.**

Annual Town & Parish Conference 5th October Rushcliffe Arena **Action:** Cllrs unable to attend. **Action: Clerk to check with absent Cllrs.**

Community Tree Scheme – Trees are available for free, Streetwise will plant.

Concerns about where to plant – including maintenance of hedgerows. Sutton Lane when approached from Elton after crossroads a possibility – Clerk declared interest at this point. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to look this week – deadline 30th September.**

Police Priority Setting Meeting 20th October 7:00pm. Cllrs unable to attend. **Action: Clerk to check with absent Cllrs.**

Village Hall:

Joinery Quotes: Still chasing 2 further quotes for Fire door work. **Action Clerk.**

Electrical Inspection & Fire Alarm Installation: This is now complete. Testing required once a month. **Action: Clerk to test when taking meter readings.**

Playground Wall: Concerns raised that tree growth will cause this damage to happen again. Costly for tree to be removed – PC may have to pay for this.

Suggestion of wall being cut & repaired to have a gap to allow for the tree. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Humphreys to obtain quotes for this work & explore options.**

Printer: Service completed, identified several parts for replacement which should hopefully fix current printing issue. Repair cost £295 + VAT. New equivalent printer costs circa £1,400. 'Free' Printer loan option requires purchase of £2,200 of toner.

Repair Approved. Action: Clerk

Playground Inspection Items: Inspection report clarified; group swing seat had no requirement for secondary support chains when it was installed, a new installation now would require this. Risk is identified as low. Replacement of existing bolts a possible alternative. Cost of secondary support is £327 + VAT. Cost of new cradle swing approved at July's meeting £188 + VAT. **Cradle Swing purchase approved, continued monitoring of group swing. Action: Clerk.**

Playground ongoing checks: Philip Straw is currently carrying out monthly inspections and would like someone to take over. Would require relevant training. **To be deferred to October meeting.**

Barge Boards: New quotes required on a like for like basis – also existing quotes out of date. Additionally, front soffits require replacement. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to put together a proposal to enable quotation. Cllr Preece to look at possible funding**

Updated Conditions of Hire: Updated following Fire Risk Assessment. **Approved Communications** – Social Media Training: Ed Palmer at RBC will do social media training for PC in the VH, suggested day of next PC meeting – should be less than an hour. **Agreed. Action: Clerk to confirm.**

Website: **To be deferred to October meeting.**

Cemetery: Memorial Request – Meets with the guidelines. **Approved**

Exclusive Rights Query – Error made in granting Exclusive Rights of Burial in 1976, should have been granted in the name of living relative rather than to the deceased. Advice obtained through NALC says grave remains a Public Grave as a result. EROB can now be granted to heirs or persons they nominate. £10 fee paid in 1976, fee now would be £600. Clerk made proposal to accept original £10 fee due to PC error in 1976. **Approved. Action: Clerk.**

Caretaker role – Vacancy is being included in next newsletter, previously advertised with NALC. Possible interest from Ukrainian Refugees. WI have mentioned concerns regarding setting up/clearing away furniture. Have requested print out of VH bookings be displayed in Hall so can leave furniture for next booking. Would need most chairs to go away so can still clean the floor. Other Village Halls do not set up/clear furniture. **Action: Clerk to use online calendar to include VH bookings. Also sign needed re stacking chairs. Cllr Fewell to check Facebook re request for work.**

Winter Gritting – Entitled to five bags of salt from Via EM. Grit bins full & spare bags at the Church so not necessary this year.

Overhanging Trees – As mentioned in open forum some trees are overhanging the pavement & blocking street lights. **Action: Clerk write to relevant properties.**

Gas & Electricity Contract - Fixed contract ends 9th January. Energy broker & comparison company through NALC can obtain no obligation quotes – need to give authority to act. **Action: Clerk to obtain quotes using these options.**

Use of Village Hall as a Warm Space - To be deferred to October meeting.

Proposed Skate Ramp - To be deferred to October meeting.

Allotment - To be deferred to October meeting.

Forthcoming Events:

Remembrance Day Wreath – Service is at Granby Church on 13th November. Cllr Fewell to attend & lay wreath. **Action: Clerk to arrange purchase of wreath.**

Planning: For consideration: None

Decisions: 22/01090/FUL – High Acre, Sutton, Demolition & construction of new dwelling GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

20/01182/FUL (Melton Borough Council) - Solar Farm Near Jericho Covert GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS. No funding available to Granby cum Sutton PC.

Appeal: 21/02426/FUL – Erection of 2 dwelling houses, Land to NE of Main St, Sutton. PC's original comments submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Finance:

Current account balance (as at 31/08/22): £16,733.70

Reserve Account (as at 30/06/22): £10,399.19

Accounts for payment: (Excl VAT)

Octopus – gas (DD) July & August -£1.42

Octopus – electricity (DD) July & August £23.73

Hempsteads – July & August Mowing & Spraying £888.00

C Beecroft – Expenses, Wages, Printer Service, £830.73

HMRC £72.00

J Daw – Jubilee Concert Expenses £25.82

E Walsh – Jubilee Concert Expenses £21.00

Councillors' reports

Cllr Preece – Possible WI Jubilee Tree location on Main Green. WI have a spare seat on trip to Veolia centre 24th October £13.75. Granby VH notice board is cluttered.

Action: Cllr Humphreys to look at tree location. Clerk to look at Notice Board.

Cllr Humphreys: Newsletter ready for publishing once printer repaired. Can Church Lights go off earlier to save electricity? **Action: Cllr Preece.**

Cllr Bailey: Construction of New Crematorium at Stragglethorpe continues with a slight delay. Bingham Arena & Pool also delayed until around spring. This is due to labour/material shortages. Apologies given for next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 20:55

Next meeting: 13th October 2022, 7.30pm