

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 8 June 2023

Present: Cllrs Stevenson (Chair), Fewell, Preece, March, Naylor, Tubbs, Kuca, Mrs. Beecroft (Clerk), Cllr Chris Grocock (RBC)

Six members of the public who made the following comments during the open forum:

- Item 16 - the meeting regarding the Traveller's Festival, encouraged the Parish Council to change their terminology, the Police and Borough Council should be held to account for their response. Incidents per capita should be considered.
- Evidence from festival should be collated and presented, there is still some evidence on private land & footpaths.
- Concerns raised about sale of land if the Planning Applications under item 14 are not granted.
- Police were ineffective in handling the Traveller's Festival, patrolling at the wrong time of day. Residents didn't feel safe and went into lockdown.

Cllr Grocock – Made introductions as new RBC Cllr for Cranmer Ward. Lives in Whatton & previously a Parish Councillor there; now wants to focus equally on all Parishes in the ward. Sympathised with Sutton residents regarding the recent Traveller's Festival. A public meeting regarding this is the right thing to do with the appropriate RBC & Police representatives – he will assist in getting people to attend.

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr Francis Purdue-Horan (NCC)

2. Declaration of interest on items below - None

3. Approval of minutes 11 May 2023 - Approved and signed as a true record.

4. Election of Vice-Chair – Cllr Fewell was elected as Vice-Chair

5. Correspondence:

Update on the new Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan – Consultation noted.

Notts ALC AGM Monday 11 September, 6.30pm, Oxton Village Hall – Noted.

Invitation to Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service, Southwell Minster Sunday 25 June, 3.00pm. Service followed by light refreshments. Noted.

6. Review of Financial Regulations including internal controls – Approved.

7. Review of Financial Risk Register – Amendments Approved.

8. Review of Fixed Asset Register – Approved.

9. Acceptance of Y/E Accounts – Approved.

10. Completion of Annual Governance & Accountability Return:

The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.

The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) was approved and signed.

The Accounting Statements (Section 2) were approved and signed.

The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed.

11. Village Hall:

Fire Doors – Joiner is to come back to make repairs.

Barge Boards & Fascias – UKSPF funding applied for based on first quotation received.

Application is on a short list, decision delayed. Second person quoting has given an estimate considerably higher than first quotation.

12. Playground:

Inspection has been completed. Caretaker & Clerk to review.

13. Newsletter:

Ideas discussed including potential advertisers, aim for 3 newsletters each year. **Action: Cllrs Fewell, Tubbs & March to put together draft. Clerk to look into printing & advertisers.**

14. Planning:

20:28 Standing orders were suspended to allow comments from members of the public present:

- Concerns raised that the recent festival is a backlash for previous planning applications being refused, so it's worth thinking about options we can live with.
- Point raised that permission granted in this instance may lead to further developments without the services to support them.
- One of the applications is linked to an agricultural worker from another village, why is the proposal in Sutton?
- Loss of privacy for Willow Cottage and other neighbouring properties

20:38 Standing orders re-instated

For consideration:

23/00925/FUL - Land To The North East Of Main Street Sutton Cum Granby. Change of use of land from agricultural to caravan storage; Erection of new security fence and gate; Erection of security shed; Associated landscaping. **Object due to plans being incongruous to the surroundings, having a negative impact on the open aspect, rural nature of the hamlet of Sutton. Not an appropriate site for caravan storage, will have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area. Also, the security hut is not needed for the number of caravans proposed.**

23/00926/FUL - Land To The North East Of Main Street Sutton Cum Granby. 2no. new agricultural workers dwellings; Single storey detached garage/store; Creation of new access; Construction of new barn; Associated landscaping. **Object due to one dwelling is to accommodate a worker from a poultry farm in another village, so this dwelling is not in close proximity to the farm. No evidence of the proposed Alpaca farm being economically viable as required in RBC's Local Plan Part 2. Application for temporary accommodation should be sought to establish the need and economic viability of the farm. Also concerned by the removal of well-established hedgerow - loss of habitat.**

21:04 Standing orders were suspended to allow comments from members of the public present:

- Parish Council commended for its views

21:05 Standing orders re-instated

Decisions:

23/00788/AGRIC - Granby Lodge, Sutton Lane, Granby. Agricultural storage building. **Development may be carried out as Permitted Development Rights. Decision Noted.**

23/00614/NMA - October House Main Street Granby. Non material amendment of planning application 22/00936/FUL to change the building proportion whilst keeping the square metres the same. Removal of glass in roof, cladding proposed to be composite. Extra glass panel on north west elevation. **Non-Material Amendment Agreed. Decision Noted**

16. Forthcoming Events:

Update on Parish Meeting to discuss Traveller's Festival in Sutton including meeting venue. Meeting discussed; Cllr Grocock able to help with attendance of key representatives from RBC. MP should be present, also Police representatives. If number of people present is higher than VH capacity the Church is an alternative venue. Thursday or Friday evening would be best as soon as possible.

Remembrance Day – Wreath to be ordered with £25 donation. Lampost Poppies discussed

Action: Clerk to look at options.

17. Potential Water Theft from Cemetery – Cllrs noted that resident witnessed water being taken away from the cemetery.

18. Confidential Business - Cemetery Items.

19. ICCM Membership £95 membership to join Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management for quick, ongoing advice. Agreed.

Finance

Current account balance (as at 31/05/23):	£16,467.03
Reserve Account (as at 31/03/22):	£10,442.44
Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
British Gas - Electricity (DD)	£56.60
British Gas - Gas (DD)	£72.55
P E Hempstead & Sons - May Mowing	£235.00
Playsafety (RoSPA) - Playground Inspection including checklists	£213.50
Notts ALC New Counsellor Training	£35.00
Lindum - Fire Extinguisher Service	£57.03
Salaries	£1,486.57
C Beecroft - Re-imburement Bouncy Castle Payment	£75.00
HMRC	£102.80
Insurance	£1,347.72

Councillors' reports

Cllr Preece – Asked for update on noticeboard. **Action: Clerk to check with caretaker.**

Cllr March – New access created into field at the corner of Granby Hill & Granby Lane. Clerk has contacted RBC to find out more.

Cllr Kuca – Asked where county boundary is between Granby & Plungar. **Action Clerk.**

Meeting closed: 22:00

Next Meeting: 13 July 2023, 7.30pm