

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023

Present: Cllrs Stephenson (Chair), Humphreys, Preece, Fewell, March, Mrs. Beecroft (Clerk) Two members of the public, who discussed Coronation during the open forum:

- Suggested one venue for picnic lunch on Sunday as part of the national Coronation Big Lunch. People to bring their own food, chairs etc. Use of two marquees for bad weather. Various activities suggested aimed at all ages. Group Photo. Could be achieved for £300 - £400.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Daw - absence approved by Cllrs. Also Cllr Bailey.

Declaration of interests: None

Approval of minutes: 9th February signed as a true record.

Correspondence:

PCC Newsletter – Rural Crime Prevention Officer has been appointed.

Village Hall:

Printer: New printer has arrived – had some problems. **Action: Clerk to return under warranty if problems continue.**

Gas Meter Upgrade: Smart meter required under new energy supplier. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

Tables: Small card tables disposed of 7-8 years ago. No storage for new ones. One table is a little wobbly – others are fine.

Website: Weebly's free web hosting came to an end. Clerk consulted Chair – purchased subscription of \$12 per month for one year (less 10% discount) as unable to update site otherwise.

Allotments: Proposal from Cllr Stevenson discussed for PC to take ownership of land offered & then rent to an Allotment Society. 11 people interested at present. Cllrs concerned of cost to PC to obtain land – large % of reserves spent for small % of residents due to small site. More information needed including rental amount & outside funding options. **Action: Cllr Stevenson to look at funding options.**

Confidential HR Item: Cllrs agreed proposal. **Action: Clerk**

Churchyard - Yew Tree: £350 quote to shape tree, will take place at the end of the summer due to bird nesting. Quote accepted. **Action: Clerk**

Hedge Hog Area: Hedge hog & bird boxes are available for the Churchyard FOC. Cllrs agreed to proceed. **Action: Cllr Preece to advise.**

River Whipling Weeds: Concern about volume of weeds in the river. Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board would be responsible – due to regulations work not normally carried out until after 15th July. **Action: Clerk to report problem to TVIDB.**

Overweight Traffic: Resident has reported vehicles over the weight restriction going through Granby – should be for access only. **Action: Cllrs to look out & make note of companies involved.**

Forthcoming Events:

Village Tidy Up – 15th April. Sufficient gloves, litter pickers & bags available. **Action: Clerk to advertise on Facebook & arrange collection of waste. Cllr Humphreys to produce notice for boards.**

King's Coronation: Clerk has been in discussion with Live & Local's Living Room Project. They are able to host a Tea Party with games & music. Cllrs agreed to combine with Sunday Coronation Big Lunch ideas suggested in the open forum. Cllrs agreed to appoint a Committee consisting of Councillor Humphreys, Lois Hamson & Elaine Walsh to arrange the Big Lunch events as discussed in open forum.

Coins/Memento – Several options discussed. Cllrs agreed personalised mugs & boxes costing around £5. Church Service to present to children. **Action: Clerk to arrange mugs. Cllr Preece to enquire about service.**

History Exhibition – Printed posters with history of Granby & Sutton proposed – will go on display for Coronation & then be kept on display afterwards. Cllrs agreed to cover printing costs.

Singing Concert – Cllrs agreed to cover cost of licence to hold a bar.

Newsletter – to be produced to advertise events.

Elections: Cllrs Humphreys & Daw will not be standing so three new Cllrs required.

Finance – £300 credit from Natwest due to complaint regarding errors in address change. PC has items in Safe Custody which Natwest have requested be collected – probably Deeds for VH. Cllrs agreed Clerk to collect & store in locked cabinet in VH. Cllr Humphreys is only signature left of the dormant Trust account. Paperwork to be completed & balance transferred to main account. **Action: Clerk & Cllr Humphreys.**

Current account balance (as at 28/02/23):	£9,175.78
Reserve Account (as at 31/12/22):	£10,419.07
Accounts for payment:	(Excl VAT)
Octopus - Gas (DD) Additional Invoice/Credit	-£22.91
Octopus - Electricity (DD) Additional Invoice	£2.74
British Gas - Electricity (DD)	£51.20
British Gas - Gas (DD)	£206.25
S Humphreys Jubilee Picture Frames	£156.98
C Beecroft - Printer, Website, Wifi, Phone, Paper, Cloths	£344.11
Wages (C Beecroft & J Perring)	£1,622.91
Water Plus	£15.03
HMRC	£49.60

Cllrs reports

Cllr Preece – New plastic tablecloths required. **Action: Cllrs Humphreys & Preece to look at prices.**

Meeting closed 21:25

Next meeting: 13th April 2023, 7.30pm