

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2017.

Present: Cllrs. Straw (Chair), Humphreys, Daw, Salden, Betts & Preece. 2 visitors attended.

Apologies: Cllr. Purdue – Horan (NCC)

Cllrs. welcomed Cllr. Preece to the Parish Council.

Declaration of interest: None

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of the 9th March 2017. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

Development committee decision on OS field 3963 – Cllr. Straw gave an overview of the meeting he had attended. The committee decided unanimously to turn down the application. However, this will still go to appeal. Cllr. Humphreys and Cllr. Straw to meet with RBC planners when the appeal date is set. Cllrs. agreed that if an agricultural consultant is employed by Mr Sinclair to defend this appeal, the PC will contribute up to a maximum of £200.

Outdoor gym application – grant form has now been submitted.

Correspondence:

None

Planning:

For consideration: 17/00678/FUL Willow Cottage, Sutton NO OBJECTION.

Decision: 17/00126/FUL Highlea, Main St, Granby. GRANTED.

Caretakers & Clerks salary:

As agreed by the NJC in May 2016. Clerk's salary will increase to £9.392 per hour and Caretakers to £7.804 per hour.

Speed Watch:

It had been suggested that 3 villages share the purchase of a portable sign. Highways had previously said that this would not be possible in our village. Cllr. Humphreys to report back.

Marquis sale:

Cllr. Betts gave an update. Sub group has now been formed. It is understood that it is the owner's intention to put it on the market at the end of the moratorium period, 4th July.

Best Kept village:

Granby and Sutton to both enter this year. Last village working party worked on the Cemetery. Further professional clearance work to be carried out at the cemetery in the autumn. Next working party 22nd April. Cllr Straw to e mail out.

Approval of Annual Governance Statement:

Councilors agreed this statement and was signed by the Chair & RFO.

Finance: Current account balance: £14,438.42 Bank Reserve Acct Balance: £9230.16

Clerk circulated the end of year Accounts, final balance sheet.

Accounts for payment (excl VAT)

RBC rates cemetery	£ 75.83	DD
Hempstead	£392.00	
E on Gas	£103.29	DD
E on Elect	£ 27.85	DD
NALC training	£ 25.00	
P Straw (sand)	£ 15.63	
A Coy (ink, tel stamps)	£ 58.18	

Councillors' reports:

Cllr. Salden reported that Kidspot Easter egg hunt will be held on the 14th April.

Cllrs. Betts and Daw gave their apologies for the next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting: 11th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.40 p.m.