Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 8th July 2021

Present: Cllrs. Daw (Chair), Powell, Preece and Humphreys (Minute taker)

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. March, Bailey (RBC) and Purdue-Horan (NCC)

Declaration of interest: None declared.

Acceptance of minutes: 6th May Minutes approved.

Matters arising: Cllr Straw resigned after the May meeting, leaving vacancies for two Parish Councillors. RBC have informed the Council that there have been no applicants, therefore no election. Clerk to the Parish, Caretaker and Webmaster positions still vacant. Unfortunately still no applicants for any of the vacant positions. It was noted that there have been a number of advertisement for similar positions across the county. All councillors to continue to look for possible candidates. Action: All Councillors

Great British Spring Clean: Cllr Powell informed the meeting that Sutton had taken part on the 6th June. Granby took part on the 13th June. Thirty residents of all ages made an excellent job of cleaning up the village. A big thanks to all who took part.

Correspondence: Public Space Protection Order (Control of Dogs) The Playground, Cemetery and Church Yard are designated no dogs permitted areas. **Action: Cllr Daw to inform RBC**

Invitation to Town and Parish Forum 21st July 10.00-12.30pm Cllrs. Daw and Humphreys to attend. **Action: Cllr Daw**

Village Hall issues: Quotation for Village Hall replacement Barge Boards. Cllr Humphreys stated that we were still awaiting a further quote.

Playground link chain fencing replacement. It was agreed that we would go ahead with the replacement fencing at the bottom of the football area. Declined to fund the fencing alongside the barn due to issues regarding maintenance of the areas behind requested fence. Action: Cllr. Humphreys to contact contractor and Mr and Mrs Salden

Village Hall to re-open for bookings from 19th July following RCAN and Government guidelines. **Action: Cllr Humphreys to draw up an addendum for the booking form in relation to hirer responsibilities in relation to COVID-19**

Advertising boards on Village Greens: A request has been received from the Landlord of the Marquis of Granby Public House to advertise their village shop and coffee mornings. It was agreed that it was a local business and therefore should be supported. Action: Cllr Daw to speak to Landlord and inform Highways regarding A board.

Parish Website: A vacancy still exists for Webmaster, John Rainbow is continuing at present to keep the village calendar up to date.

Forthcoming events: Cllr Daw requested thoughts on the following:

- possible speakers for 2022 Annual Parish Meeting
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Action: agenda item September meeting

Planning: 21/01651/FUL - Yew Tree Cottage. NO OBJECTION

21/01864/FUL - Farm End House. NO OBJECTION

Action: Cllr. Humphreys to inform RBC

Decisions: 21/00561/FUL - Highfield House. GRANTED

21/01184/FUL - Wood Cottage. GRANTED 21/01142/FUL - Granby Hall. REFUSED

Finance:

Signatories for cheques. The following councillors to be added to signatory list Cllrs. March, Preece and Powell. To be removed ex councillors Betts, Straw and Rainbow.

Action: Ann Coy

Ann Coy to investigate and action changing from cheques to online banking if possible.

Current Account balance: £18,692.73 Reserve Account: £10,395.92

Accounts for payment (excl. VAT)-approved:

Hempstead. £417.00
Web Domain registration fee. £64.86
Defibrillator battery. £235.00
Octopus Energy. £35.08

Invoices paid with approval by email:

Ann Coy (salary 3 months). £249.60
Windows VH. £30.00
HMRC. £62.40
Water Plus. £21.99

P Straw. £11.64 (marquee parts)
RBC. £121.64 (cess pit emptying)
E Humphreys. £76.70 (plants for Village Hall)

Councillors reports:

Cllr Daw - Solar Farm application, no further updates as meetings continue to be postponed.

Meeting closed 21.10hrs

Date and time of next meeting- 9th September, 19.30hrs