

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6th May 2021- held via Zoom due to Coronavirus 19 restrictions

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

Apologies of Absence: none received

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: it was agreed that the position of Chair will be a rotational position which will be co chaired by Cllrs Straw, Daw and Humphreys. Cllr Straw was proposed and accepted as Chair for the meeting.

Cllr Straw thanked Cllr Rainbow on behalf of the Parish Council for his contribution and service to the Parish Council over the past five years, highlighting his particular contribution and maintenance of the Parish Council website.

Acceptance of Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2021. An amendment of the use of the word 'ensure' was requested by Cllr Daw in relation to the use of MVAS in Sutton. This was duly noted. **Action Cllr Humphreys**

Matters arising: Clerk/Caretaker vacancy, it was noted that there were still no applicants to date and that there are now a number of vacancies for Clerks throughout the county.

Correspondence: Cllr Daw discussed a number of training dates and consultation opportunities, these were declined by the Council.

Casual Vacancy: Cllr Humphreys informed the council that she would inform the Elections and Democratic Engagement Manager of the vacancy that has arisen in the PC due to the resignation of Cllr Rainbow. A public notice will be displayed on the PC notice board in Granby and Sutton as per protocol. **Action Cllr Humphreys**

Solar Farm update: Cllr Daw informed the meeting that the proposed solar farm would gain access through Plungar, but that they would still need to use Gypsy Lane. If the application is approved there will be a large fund available to compensate for the disruption, it was felt that Granby cum Sutton PC should consider requesting some of the fund and therefore need to identify projects that the allocated money could support. Cllr Rainbow suggested solar panels and a battery on the Village Hall. It was noted that Plungar PC are still opposing the application. It is due to be considered by Melton Borough Council in June.

Village Hall maintenance:

- Decoration of kitchen and toilets completed, the floor in the main hall and anteroom have been stripped and re-varnished.
- Gable ends and barge boards still awaiting further quotes. Cllr Straw looking at alternative options.
- Playground soil replacement completed around safety areas- ROSPA inspection due.
- Village Hall deep clean was carried out prior to local elections- a cleaning date to be arranged in early June prior to the reopening of the hall on 22nd June. **Action: Cllr Straw**
- Wi-Fi connection in village hall. **Action: Cllr Straw to investigate options**
- Fencing football area and alongside barn, Cllr Humphreys met with a fencing contractor, quotations sought for replacement fencing at the bottom of the football area and new fencing alongside the barn. Contractor informed Cllr Humphreys that a fence put alongside the barn would mean that maintenance of the barn, guttering and roof would prove problematic in the future. The quotation has been requested in two parts, 1st for replacement link chain fencing 2nd new fencing alongside the barn.

Great British Spring Clean (GBSC): Cllr Powell suggested joining in with the Spring Clean up due to take place between 28th May-13th June. Streetwise will provide black bag and litter pickers etc if requested. It was decided that we should make it part of our village clean up programme. **Action Cllr Humphreys to draw up programme**

Village Event – post Covid: it was agreed that our first village event should be the Coffee Morning due to be held on 3rd July, subject to Government guidelines. The village clean up could tie in with this. **Action Cllr Powell to prepare a flyer which highlights Cllr vacancy, GBSC. Coffee morning and village clean up dates.**

Planning:

For consideration:

21/01142/FUL Height of Wall, Chapel Lane: - **Object**

21/01184/FUL Wood Cottage Dragon Street:- **No Objection**

21/01331//VAR plot 2 Main Street Sutton cum Granby:- **Object**

Action: Cllr Humphreys to submit comments

Ms A Coy joined the meeting.

Finance: Current Account balance: £22,844.91 Reserve Account: £10,395.66

Acceptance of year end accounts these were agreed.

Internal Audit report completed and signed off by Stuart Humphreys.

Action: Ann Coy to send PDF copy to John Rainbow for PC website

Accounts for payment (excl. VAT) – approved

J Edwards	£2,500 (Village Hall redecoration)
Community Heartbeat	£39.00 (Sutton defibrillator pads)
Community Heartbeat	£55.20 (Granby defibrillator pads)
P Straw	£12.62 (grass seed)
M Wilkinson	£25.00 (section 137 defibrillator Sutton)
All Saints Church	£150.00 (section 137 exterior lights)
E Humphreys	£63.34 (plants)
Came & Co.	£924.82 (insurance)
Hempsteads	£405.50
Cleaning Materials	£19.97
Toner	£28.40
Octopus Energy	£35.40

Councillors' reports: Cllr Humphreys requested permission to buy plants for the summer planters- agreed.

Cllr Humphreys has received the wild flower seeds, Cllr Preece has agreed to sow in small area of field in Sutton.

Cllr Rainbow raised awareness of 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion a small gathering will take place at the War Memorial in Granby at 9.15am 15th May.

Meeting closed 21.00hrs

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th July in the Village Hall subject to Coronavirus guidelines.