

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllrs. Betts, Humphreys, Lineker, Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn (in the Chair).

**Apologies** for Absence. Mr Cranswick & Mr Suthers

**Declaration of Interest** on items below. None

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 13th November 2008. A copy had been circulated.

These were agreed a true record and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

RBC had confirmed that the new bench on Sutton lane Green would be part of the 2009-10 Small Environmental Improvements scheme. RBC have also been informed that 2 Cherry trees will be planted at 25 Sutton Lane.

### **Correspondence**

NHS consultation on site for new Health Centre at Bingham reply by 6th February 2009. It was unlikely that the PC would wish to make comment as body but individuals have concerns unrelated to GcS.

The RBC Conference on 27th February would be attended by Cllr. Straw and the clerk there being no other requests from councillors wishing to attend.

RBC are seeking to appoint a third parish member to the Standards Committee. Pack in folder.

**Planning** Decisions: Granby Hall fell two sycamore and 1 walnut tree TPO on 1 sycamore no action other 2.

08/01813/FUL Old Forge Cottage 1st floor extension application withdrawn.

For Consideration:- 08/01999/FUL Bunny Barn, double garage & store. Object original was a double garage this is over intensive use of site when added to garage of Bunny Cottage.

LDF Residential Design Guide draft for consultation to 9th January. Cllr. Humphrey's took document and will provide a summary for discussion in January.

**Newsletter** (standard item) Cllr. Betts asked for pictures from community events being held over the holiday period.

### **Village Hall**

Sanding of VH floor + provision of skirting update. Planned for 9th - 6pm 13th January. Cost of sander £19 1st day then £9 / day plus consumables and varnish. Committee room will not be done at same time because it will be used for storage.

Donation of crockery by WI and Coffee Shop see report for details. No action to date. WI have assured clerk that their discussion, which has delayed purchase, will not result in change to the agreed purchase.

There was also discussion about new curtains for the main hall. Councillors will make enquiries.

It was agreed that the PCC could have use of cups and saucers for a church event with no charge.

**Consider grass cutting costs for 2009** request for collection of cuttings on greens, cemetery? It was agreed that additional quotes will be requested, including Hempstead. Quote as current spec. + quote to collect cuttings on all but cemetery and churchyard.

#### **Parish Plan: Consider Draft Parish Plan for endorsement.**

The PP was inspected page by page and some minor changes suggested. It was agreed there were no major errors and the Plan was endorsed by Council.

#### **Review of Salaries**

It was reported that the clerk's salary national rate had been increased by 2.45%

It was agreed to increase the caretakers salary in line with nationally agreed rates 2.45%

Both the above would be backdated to 1st July 2008.

No decision was taken on the clerk's request for upgrading from SCP21 to SCP22 pending investigations in to the national pay structure and an appraisal of both the clerks and caretakers job requirements suggested by Councillor Straw.

#### **Consider draft budget** for setting of precept at January meeting.

The clerk had prepared a draft budget showing revenue expenditure for 2009-10 to be £10,668.00 up from an anticipated £10,385.00 for the current year. This would be off set by an estimated income of £3,350.00. Councillors accepted these figures and considered how much to allocate as capital expenditure. Decision required in January.

#### **Village event for 2009** update

2008 Events Committee were awarded a RBC Community partnership certificate in the Building Stronger Communities class at a presentation on 13th November.

**Fundraising activities** (standard item) Cllr. Humphrey suggested a business card printer to have postcards of aerial views prepared for sale. B&W picture has been repaired/re framed at a cost of £93.28.

**Finance** Current acct. Bal. £15,136.59 (at 28/11/2008) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,128.91 (at 30/9/08)

At the request of a hall user it was agreed that regular users would be allowed to make electronic payments of their invoice. This facility would not be advertised or offered to one off users of the hall.

Invoice sent for Telephone / BB use. Total annual cost to GcS £361.73 exc. VAT. BPR & Denton to pay £100.49 UB £60.29

Accounts for payment

1051 P. Straw (reframing of aerial view) 93.28 inc. VAT

1052 Mike Lambert (VH window clean) 10.00

1053 R. Merryweather (Sal. Oct.-Dec.) 182.29

1054 K. Brockway (sal. Oct.-Dec.) 657.29

1055 HM Rev & Cus. (PAYE) 1.49 (credit now used up.)

The above accounts were agreed for payment.

### **Councillors Reports**

Residents are asking about the creation of the ashes plot in the cemetery.

Cllr. Straw reported on Play Builder meeting that offered funding for major improvements to the play area.

Nine new lamp posts have been installed in Granby NCC have agreed to paint them and it was agreed to request a dark green. Cllr. Straw to action this.

Call to have VH chairs cleaned or replaced.

Cllr. Straw offered copies of the Eco Town booklet, these were accepted by councillors.

Cllr. Humphrey reported on collection of the BKV award certificate and passed over the prize money of £100.

**Date of Next Meeting** 8th January 2009

12th February 2009