

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2008 at 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies** for Absence. Mr Suthers (County Councillor) and Mr Cranswick (Borough Councillor).

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

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 13th May 2008. After the addition of the word 'on' on page 397 these were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

Sutton Lane tree removal - result of investigation by RBC reported. New planting in autumn has been requested.

Sutton Lane Green clerk to arrange for complete removal of the sat and fixings.

### **Correspondence**

NCC Eco-Town consultation see letter attached. It was agreed to make comment opposing the new town at Newton.

SLCC Regional Conference 17th July at Quorn cost £60.00. No takers clerk has already heard presentation by new Auditor.

NCC proposed diversion of footpaths 3 & 4 around Granby Lodge. A residents letter was reported to the meeting. It was agreed to support this proposal but ask for adequate signage, path to be kept clear and question land ownership.

Insurance - revised documentation with property cover removed for play equipment and safety surfaces. Refund of £17.21 received as original revised quote was to remove only play equipment not safety surface.

NALC Chairmanship training 18th July. Cllr. Betts agreed to attend the session at Epperstone on 9th July.

RBC Small Environmental funding - tree planting + other works, apply before 5th Sept. see folder.

E. Gill request to erect memorial on plot 238 fee should be £120 not £60 as submitted as deceased were not resident. The memorial design was agreed.

NAVACH AGM 23rd Sept. at Lowdham WI Hall - proposal for membership fee of £25.00 / year. There was concern that NAVACH while useful does not provide a service valued at the proposed membership fee.

Letter from a resident complaining that dog owners are putting dog poop bags in the cemetery waste bin.

## **Planning**

Decisions:

08/00413/FUL Stables Cottage extension + roof lights - granted

08/00629/FUL Willow Cottage balcony to rear - granted.

For Consideration:-

08/00711/FUL - The Grange - revised description as mobile field shelters do not require planning permission.

08/01103/AGRIC Granby Lodge erection of cattle shed.

It was agreed that no objection would be made to either of the above applications.

A copy letter to RBC from a resident raising concern about activity in the field at the foot of Granby Hill. Clerk would support the call for an investigation of activity on the site.

## **Newsletter** (standard item)

Next edition will be out in July. Advertisers have not taken up offer of £20 / year. More copy invited.

Village Clean Up days to coincide with Coffee Shop.

Cllr. Straw had requested discussion on the following two topics.

**Consider to go ahead ASAP with installing 2 toddler swings** in the playground. It was agreed to delay until residents had considered the Parish Plan. A quote (details to remain confidential) was considered to overcome the problem of **standing water on the lower area of the play area** was considered and rejected.

**Consider replacement the red dog bin with a green** one (if we must have one at all!). It was agreed that dog bins encourage responsible dog owners to clear up and a further bin would be requested near the cemetery on Sutton Lane. No request was put forward for Sutton.

**Review of Standing Orders** S.O. 4 was amended to give the public a right to address the meeting at an adjournment.

## **Village Hall**

Review of free bookings at VH see clerk's report. It was agreed that meetings held / booked to date are free for PPSG and Village Events Group.

Consent given to remove ash tree in play area application ref. 08/00046/CONARE. Noted no action at present.

RBC request provisional bookings for VH for elections 7th May 2009 & 4th June 2009. Fee last time £200. Fee to remain at £200. Cllr. Straw agreed to be second keyholder.

A booking for a pilates class on Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm was considered. WI have hall booked from 7.15pm one Wed. a month. It was agreed that the booking should be accepted. Clerk to contact WI. Ron may not be able to set up room for WI.

**Parish Plan:** update

Going well and will be on display for feed back during the Event weekend.

Cllr. Straw requested - Consider a donation £150 as the 2008 contribution (additional to our payment in kind through "free" VH rental) to the parish plan steering group activity. It was agreed to make a donation of £250.00. It was reported that the PPSG now have their own bank account "Granby cum Sutton Parish Plan Steering Group" and the funds (£216.56) held by the PC will be transferred.

**Village event for 2008** update

Flyers distributed around village, roadside signs have mostly disappeared. Request a review of advertising on New Green.

Chairman to judge scarecrows on Sunday morning. Mr Suthers has agreed to attend and award prizes.

Events start at 11am on Saturday on field and in VH. Sunday events in VH only.

**Fundraising activities** (standard item) Deferred due to time constraint.

**Review Grass cutting** (emailed reply from contractor to councillors)

It was agreed that the cutting has improved although play area was a bit patchy on the last cut.

**Finance** Cur. acct. Bal. £19,755.23 Bank Res. Acct. Bal. £9,014.08

Elsie Smith Bequest £1,424.06 S&E Smith £114.36

VAT refund of £1,589.05 acknowledged. PAYE credit to acct. of £150.11 for submitting details online

BT cost last quarter £111.55 payments made £110 was £40 / month now £35 / month.

Accounts for payment

DD British Gas (Electricity Acct. 15.38 + 0.77 VAT = 16.15

DD British Gas (Gas account) 117.67 account still in credit £61.51

1021 R. Merryweather (salary Apr.-Jun.) 182.49

1022 K. Brockway (salary Apr. - Jun.) 590.62

----- HM R&C (PAYE Apr.-Jun.) 77.40 No payment due because 150.11 credit above

1023 CANCELLED

1024 Chubb (Fire appliance service) 219.30 + 38.38 VAT = 257.68

1025 Ian Smith Electrical (New socket) 75.00 + 13.13 VAT = 88.13

1026 Mike Lambert (VH window clean) 20.00 No VAT

1027 White Lodge (May x 3 + spray blocks) 336.00 + 58.82 VAT = £394.82

1028 Playsafe Ltd (Play area inspection) 60.00 + 10.50 VAT = 70.50

1029 NALC (Chairmanship training) 15.00 No VAT

1030 Granby cum Sutton PPSG (grant +) 466.56

It was agreed that the above accounts be paid.

### **Councillors Reports**

Chairman requested clerk to approach Newton & Fallowell to remove board from Village Green - done 22/5/08. Sign removed next day.

Locked notice board at VH key held by clerk given to Cllr. Lineker.

PPSG request an additional notice board on VH wall. This was agreed in consultation with caretaker.

Advance notice that Langar & Barnstone CSW are proposing to purchase a speed gun and invite GcSCSW to share cost.

Sutton street light opposite chapel on all day.

**Date of Next Meeting** 8th July 2008

Investigate smaller plots for ashes.

New seat on Sutton Lane Green

RBC Small Environmental schemes

Review ban on advertising on New Green