

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

Also present was Mr Suthers (County Councillor) with whom a discussion on the Newton Eco-Town and the Bingham new Health Centre took place. Mr Suthers then left before the formal start of the meeting.

**Apologies** for Absence Cllr. Lineker & Mr Cranswick

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

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 12th February 2009. A copy had been circulated.

These were agreed a true record and signed.

**Matters Arising** see clerk's report

CLA Game Fair representative to attend May meeting to discuss traffic plans.

### **Correspondence**

BT - Great Ways to save money - signed up for paper free billing as much of the PC work is now carried out on line this is a good way to save money and help save the environment.

ACRE VH survey - should we complete this. It was agreed that this need not be completed.

NALC training opportunities - circulated by e-mail, clerk to attend no cost.

RBC Council Tax rates for all PCs Granby is not in the top three.

RBC offer presentations on The Greening Campaign as introduced to us at the Plumtree Conference no one to attend.

More electronic mail about the Eco-Town.

Note. The clerk reported and it was agreed that electronic communication would be screened by the clerk (as is paper mail) all electronic mail will be circulated to those on e-mail but only selected items will be brought to the meeting unless a councillor requests an item be added to the agenda.

### **Planning**

Decision: 09/00030/FUL Old Forge Cottage 1st floor rear extension - granted.

09/00314/FUL Belvoir House Chapel Lane single storey front extension - No objection will be raised.

### **Village Hall**

Installation of skirting and removal of door thresholds, consider quotes received. Three contractors approached two quotes received. It was agreed to accept the lower quote of £577.20 from S.A. Kemp of Barnstone.

Purchase of dehumidifier. It was agreed that Cllr. Straw would purchase an absorption type model for us to £200.

New curtains consider Cllr. Humphreys proposal. Fabric samples were considered appropriate at £35/M but a quote for making up and new rails was required to make a proper comparison with Cowans. Cllr. H to follow this up.

Consider installation of water filter one quote obtained. A quote of £199.00 had been received from A.R.T. it was agreed to accept this from a known contractor without seeking other quotes.

Lunch Club request consent to obtain a trolley for storage of cutlery. It was suggested that an alternative solution may be to split the cutlery into two trays (with lids if possible). if a trolley is obtained it must be able to be stored in the kitchen.

### **Newsletter** (Standard Item)

Late but well received. Cllr. Betts to catch up with next edition to get timetable back on track.

### **Village event for 2009 Update** (Standard Item)

No report

### **Fundraising activities Update** (Standard Item)

Open Gardens suggested for 2010.

### **Parish Plan Update** (Standard Item)

Cllr. Straw went through the issues raised from the draft plan to update Council on the progress. Discussion also took place on who / how the issues should be progressed in the longer term, PPSG, PC or other..

Launch of Plan on Saturday 21st March all parish councillors welcome to attend. RBC Mayor to attend.

### **Consider sites for installation of new grit bins**

Suggested site:- Old Forge Lane

On verge, not green, near Sutton pump.

Cross road at Sutton

Clerk to approach NCC for procedure.

**Finance** Current acct. Bal. £14,390.79 (at 27/2/2009) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,161.65 (at 31/12/08)

Accounts for payment

1064 M Lambert (window clean) 10.00 No VAT

1065 NALC (subs 2009) 71.71 No VAT

1066 K. Brockway (sal. Jan-Mar + exp) 696.82

1067 R. Merryweather (Sal. Jan-Mar) 195..62

1068 HM Revenue & Cus. (PAYE) 70.20

### **Councillors Reports**

Cllrs. Watchorn & Preece had inspected the cemetery memorials and found some in need of attention. Cllrs. W & P will carry out repairs as it was felt that attempts to contact decedents would be very difficult and time consuming.

**Date of Next Meeting** 9th April 8pm start.

14th May also Annual Parish Meeting start 7pm Game Fair rep. to attend