

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Present:** Cllrs. Betts (Chair), Lineker, Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn. Cllr Cranswick in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr. Humphreys & Martin Suthers, County Councillor

**Declaration of interest:** None

**Acceptance of minutes 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009:** These were agreed as a true record and signed

**Matters Arising:** Open Gardens 2010 – to go ahead but no details to date.  
Best kept Village - No information received but reported in Newark Advertiser as being placed second.  
White Lodge Contract – Last visit not of a satisfactory standard Clerk to write. Competitive quotes to be taken for next year.

**Correspondence:** Bus service – The 22 & 53E bus service now to Sutton – A great success on the part of the Parish Plan.

Cllr. Watchorn had received a complaint re the bus stop at Sutton – the bus company had not liaised with the Parish Council on the positioning of the stops. Cllr Watchorn to suggest that the complainant speaks directly to the bus company.

Rushcliffe Community Awards – Information distributed.

Parish Clerk requested to attend a one day course in October 'Making Sense of Finance' – Agreed.

Telephone Box – Cllr. Straw reported that a notice from BT was displayed in the phone box in Granby stating that the telephone & box would be removed after 42 days consultation due to lack of use. The Parish Council have not had any consultation on this to date. The Phone box is listed and cannot be removed. It was agreed to consult residents through the newsletter to judge their views on whether the phone should be saved. Parish Council to await information from Rushcliffe Borough Council & then to contact BT to make protest if residents want this.

**Cemetery:** Cllr Watchorn had dealt with two requests to inter ashes  
Small improvement grant for Garden of Remembrance submitted.  
The tree in memory of Judy Cameron is requested to be a flowering cherry - Agreed

**Planning:** 09/00936/Ful Old Orchard Green Lane Granby – Granted with conditions  
09/0002/Ful Sunnydale, Main St, Granby – Granted  
09/00908/FUL – The Gables Sutton – Granted with conditions.  
09/0494/FUL – The Gables Sutton – No objection

**Conservation:** Cllr Betts reported that it was proposed to extend the area to the bottom of Granby hill. Consultation has taken place at the recent coffee mornings and with residents in that area. No objections had been received. Cllr Cranswick reported that RBC had now passed this.

**Newsletter:** Cllr. Betts apologised for the lateness. Cllr Cranswick agreed to print future copies but the format will have to be changed to A4 paper.

**Village Hall:** Additional storage required for box files (to be investigated).  
Cllr Watchorn has installed the dehumidifier  
Regular Tuesday bookings to be monitored with regard to short notice cancellations  
It has been agreed that the regular bookers will give way if other Tuesday evening bookings are requested.

First Aid Kit now received and in place.

Curtains – Requested that Cllr Humphreys obtains two more quotes before the next meeting.

New Years Eve booking –Agreed to 1.30am finish, but no fireworks or party poppers inside. License to be checked if having a bar.

The Coffee Club are now in profit & wish to purchase an item for the village hall. The Council suggested a bookcase to store all the books which would release the locked cupboard for use by the Parish Council. Clerk to speak to Mrs James.

**Parish Plan:** Cllr Straw reported that the group is continuing but with separate working parties. He reported that the playground group had now received 3 quotes for the refurbishment. Applications for funding are progressing well .The cost is likely to be in the region of £25,000 to 30,000

**Village Event 2009:** Cllr Betts reported that a successful event was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fundraising activities:** nothing to report.

**Village Web Site:** Current web site is difficult to maintain. Cllr Betts to investigate other options & to report back at the Oct meeting.

**Finance:** Current acct balance £23629.18 Bank reserve Acct balance £9166.00

Accounts for payment:

DD to British Gas £36.78 + £1.84 VAT

Ron Merryweather salary July to Sept: £178.10

Ann Coy salary July to Sept: £429.68

HMRC £200.40

Ann Coy expenses £72 (membership SLCC) £81.87 (stationary postage ink,broadband)

White Lodge Groundcare: £447.00 + £67.05 VAT

Erika Humphreys postage £8.65

S A Kemp £577.20 + £86.58 VAT

Mike Lambert Windows £10.00

RBC Printing £55.00

Clement Keys £135.00 + £20.25 VAT.

White Lodge Groundcare £298.00 + £44.70 VAT

NALC training course £37.50

The above accounts were approved for payment.

Clement Keys signed off the Annual Return & require that it is brought to the attention of the Council that fixed assets should be added to a fixed asset register at cost and should remain at this value until disposal. The closure of the audit to be advertised.

**Councillors' reports:** Cllr. Lineker enquired what had happened to the brass plaque on the previous bench on Sutton Lane Green. Enquiries to be made.

**Cllr.** Watchorn asked about renewing the windows in the village hall. To investigate the cost & report back.

**Cllr.** Miles reported that the settlement at Sutton crossroads had been served notice to quit.

**Date of next Parish council Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009