

Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2008 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for Absence. Cllr. Humphreys also Mr Cranswick (Borough Councillor).

Declaration of Interest on items below. None.

Acceptance of Minutes of meeting of 8th July and 21st August 2008

These had been circulated and were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

NCC had emailed to say Plungar Road pavement will shortly be surfaced dressed. Cllr. Straw reported that nothing had happened since treatment to kill weeds. Also fencing alongside Whipling still needs repair. Clerk to chase up both matters.

Cheque from Granby Youth Club had been returned as account had been closed. Mr Cranswick is taking action.

Correspondence

Clement Keys returned Annual Return seeking more information, this has been supplied.

Spirita consultation on Allocations policy details circulated by e-mail for reply by 4th August. No response submitted. (F)

NALC notice of AGM 19/11/2008 at Epperstone Voting Delegate nominations required. Cllr. Watchorn.

NCC Building Better Communities (BBC) scheme extended for 3 years beyond 08-09 information pack in folder.

RBC have agreed to notify PCs of Licence applications this does not extend to PCs being able to comment. (F)

NAVACH AGM Lowdham WI Hall 23rd Sept. 7pm. Clerk hopes to attend.

NCC Registration Service proposals for modernisation comment by 15th Sept. No comment proposed.

RBC Generic Management Plan for Conservation Areas comment by 26th Sept. No comment proposed.

CPRE "Save the Greenbelt" campaign, urging response to Regional Plan.

GOEM EM Regional Plan S of S proposed changes for consultation reply by 17th October 2008.

NCC Proposed Diversion Order footpaths 3 & 4 around Granby Lodge. No objection raised.

RBC advance notice of Civic Reception part of PC Conference Friday 27th February 2009.

Planning Decisions:

08/00711/FUL The Grange extension of existing stable - granted.

08/01103/AGRIC Granby Lodge cattle shed - Permitted development

For Consideration:- None to hand

Newsletter No lead story for next edition.

Cemetery

Plots for ashes, decision on visit by Granart with examples of interment memorials for ashes. Cllr. Betts to write feature for newsletter seeking views of residents but generally councillors did not feel these memorials were required / appropriate for Granby.

Agree who should carry out inspection of memorials. Inspections were carried out 2002 and July 2005. Cllrs. Preece and Watchorn agreed to carry out an inspection. Clerk to supply reports from last inspections.

New hedge on extension needs weeding request probation service to attend? It was agreed to look at this for the next village working party as cost of supplying a loo made proposal expensive.

Village Hall

How to maximise hall use and bookings?

It was agreed to introduce an **hourly rate** of £10 / hour. Scrap the independent use of the committee room.

Yoga class booked for each Wednesday 11am to 12.30 Sept. 3rd for 8 weeks at £15 / session.

Consideration was given to making more evenings available for weekly booking. The WI had not been approached but Thursday Club would not agree to change evening (and name of club). It was agreed that future parish council meetings would be held on the second Thursday as the users of other Tuesday evenings had indicated they would also like use of the hall on the second Tuesday.

Gas contract up for renewal from 4/1/2009 decision needed by 6/10/2008. Quotes from British Gas and Powergen had been obtained for 1 year or 3 years. It was agreed to accept the quote from Powergen for three years at Standing Charge 9.863p / day and 3.95p / kWh. Estimated cost over year £372 / year.

Consider Financial Risk Register deferred as clerk had forgotten to circulate a copy.

Christmas decorations consider funding for Christmas tree and any new decorations / lights

An offer from Granby garage to pay for a tree around £60 was gratefully accepted. Cllr. Betts agreed to seek supplier of a 10 foot tree. It was agreed that more LED lights should be obtained, new day time decorations and a watertight box for protection of the electric's.

Parish Plan: Cllr. Betts reported on the three areas that the group are concentrating: Environment, Social & Community and Transport. The clerk suggested investigation of joining P3 as footpaths was part of two of the areas under consideration and could achieve some immediate action.

Village event for 2009 Cllr. Betts reported that it will happen in 2009, new recruits are needed to help organise.

Fundraising activities (standard item). Cllr. Straw reported on slow progress with picture copies.

Finance Current acct. Bal. £18,205.46 (at 29/8/08) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,071.75 (at 30/6/08)

Accounts for payment

1035 R. Merryweather (salary Jun.-Sep.) 182.49

1036 K. Brockway (Sal Jun.-Sep. + 93.38 Exp.) 744.00

1037 John Cranswick (Summer newsletter print) 39.03 No VAT

1038 Mike Lambert (window clean August) 10.00 No VAT

1039 White Lodge (grass cutting July & Aug.) 550.00 + 96.28 VAT = 646.28

HMR&C PAYE due £17.40 taken from credit. Credit remaining £55.31

It was agreed that these accounts be paid.

Councillors Reports

Church clock wrong time but strikes at different time. Cllr. Preece to investigate.

Rubbish in ditch on road from Sutton Cross roads to 'Haven'.

It was reported that recent rain had again made football area of VH grounds waterlogged.

VH floor cllrs. agreed to make further investigations.

Date of Next Meeting 16th October 2008 - meeting closed 9.20pm

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