

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

**Present:** Cllrs. Humphreys (Chair), Lineker, Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Betts, Cranswick and Suthers.

**Declaration of interest:** None

**Acceptance of minutes 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009:** These were agreed as a true record and signed.

**Matters Arising:** Telephone box update-Response received assuring us that no telephony equipment would be removed at this stage.

Salt bins- Highways unable to provide a third bin. Free winter salt offered and accepted.

Christmas trees – Donated by the Marquis of Granby Public House & the Faulks family.

Groundcare –3 Quotes received. After discussion it was proposed and seconded to accept Hempsteads for the following year.

**Correspondence:** Best kept village – Certificate & a cheque for £50 received.

Rural transport survey – distributed to possible interested parties for completion.

Invitation to Forum on Community Facilities – Cllrs. Humphreys, Straw & the Clerk to attend.

**Cemetery:** The Gardening Club have confirmed that they will assist with the preparation / planting of the extension area. Cllr Humphreys hopes to start early in the spring. Request for helpers both for this & for the Village working party to go in the next newsletter. Suggested that the Clerk contact Whatton Prison to see if able to help.

**Planning:** 09/1895/FUL (Revised)– The Gables Sutton – No objection

09/01699/FUL –The cottage Chapel Lane Granby – Withdrawn.

**Newsletter:** No update.

**Village Hall:** Windows - Cllr. Watchorn arranged for two companies to visit in early January.

Cllr. Straw – Energy audit. The cost would be £1100 but with funding for £800 available. Cllr Straw to investigate further before spending £300.

**Parish Plan:** Cllr Straw reported Playbuilder application had been submitted & it is hoped that a decision would be reached this month. Cllr Watchorn had now joined this Committee. It is hoped to try & sell the old equipment.

Next meeting of the Parish Plan in January.

**Fundraising activities:** Open gardens 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Cllr Humphreys to arrange meeting in January. It was suggested that the Village Events Committee be approached.

**Village Web Site:** New URL address: <http://granbysutton.org.uk>

Draft Welcome pack circulated. Cllr. Straw asked for comments and suggestions to be sent to him before the next Parish Plan meeting in January.

**Precept:** Clerk circulated a current income & expenditure along with a draft budget for 2010/2011. This resulted in a precept for 2010-11 of £10,000.

**Finance:** Current acct balance £20648.54

Bank reserve Acct balance £9167.15

Accounts for payment:			
M Lambert windows	£10.00		
White Lodge Groundcare	£149.00	+ £22.35	VAT
Ann Coy (Broadband)	£46.92		
E On (Gas)	£73.12		
R Merryweather (Salary)	£195.39		
A Coy (Salary)	£433.89		
HMRC	£157.40		
DD Information commission	£35.00		

The above accounts were approved for payment.

**Councilors' reports:** Cllr.Preece reported that the land by the village pump in Sutton was badly flooded & in need of repair. Clerk to contact highways.

Cllr Preece reported that the clock was not keeping correct time. Clerk to contact Smiths to arrange a service.

Cllr Linekar had been asked to see if the Parish Council would assist with the cost of flood lighting the Church as 2 lights were now being used. It was agreed to ask the church for an estimate of costs.

Cllr Linekar had been asked by Neighborhood Watch which signposts could be used to display the signage. It was agreed that N Watch should come back with a list of recommended posts and then a decision would be made.

Meeting ended 9.00 pm.

**Date of next Parish council Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010