

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Humphreys, Preece and Suthers (County Councillor).

Declaration of interest: None

Acceptance of minutes 11th February 2010: These were agreed as a true record and signed.

Matters Arising: Church floodlighting costs – No more information available to be discussed at next meeting.

Correspondence: Invitation to Parish Council Forum – Options for Development. No one available to attend.

The council tax settings for 2010/2011 had been received. On a band C property it showed a reduction of £1.42.

Village Pump Granby – concern had been shown about the area around the Pump in Granby. Cllrs agreed that the pump should be renovated. A request to be made to RBC to help with this.

Invitation to attend the forum on Local Housing – no one to attend.

Nominations for the Harry Johnson Award – None

NCC local improvement scheme. Cllrs. agreed to request a new notice board to be sited on the Green opposite the Church. Clerk to check if planning permission required.

Cemetery: A request had been made to see when the Garden of Remembrance would be ready. Clerk to respond that the work would commence very soon now that the weather was improving. A working party to start next week.

Planning: For consideration: 10/00377/FUL. Alteration & extension to form two-storey detached dwelling, garden shed (retrospective) The Hawthorns 2, Main St Granby. Objections raised.

Newsletter: Copy now out. It was noted that it was of a good quality.

Village Hall: Windows - Cllr. Watchorn had now met with two companies. More information to be sought along with information re grants.

Parish Plan: Cllr Straw reported that the Playbuilder Application had been successful with a conditional grant of £15k being awarded. However the money would not be confirmed until the new financial year. A further application is to be made to Biffa within the next few weeks.

Fundraising activities: Open gardens 13th June 2010. A couple of responses had already been received Cllr Humphreys would write to all previous participants. It was suggested that residents in Sutton may wish to be included.

Events committee: A St George's night fish & chip supper & quiz had been arranged for the 23rd April.

A Summer Event BBQ evening is to be held after the open gardens on the 13th June in the playground.

A Ceilidh to be held in September when a venue can be found.

Cllr Betts reported that the events committee was investigating purchasing a fryer & asked if this could be stored in the village hall. Cllrs. agreed that it would be better if stored off site for health & safety reasons.

Annual Parish Meeting: To be held at 7.00pm on the 13th May 2010. Clerk to draw up poster and to write to all organisations in the villages for their reports.

Finance: Current acct balance £21212.14 Bank reserve Acct balance £9168.30

Accounts for payment.

P Straw (exp)	£ 8.80
M Lambert (windows)	£30.00
NALC	£74.96
ART Heating	£65.00 plus £11.38 VAT
A Coy (salary)	£433.85
R Merryweather (salary)	£189.57
A Coy (exps)	£61.68 (Broadband & postage)
HMRC	£155.80
J Cranswick (printing)	£49.05

The above accounts were approved for payment.

Councilors' reports: Cllr.Miles reported that the highways dept had now repaired all the pot holes on Sutton Lane.

Cllr.Watchorn requested that a dog bin be sited in Sutton. Minutes to be checked & to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting ended 9.15 pm.

Date of next Parish council Meeting: 8th April 2010 at 7.30pm.