

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday February 10th 2011

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

Apologies: Cllr. Suthers (County Councillor). Cllr. Cranswick (RBC)

Declaration of interest: None.

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of the 13th January 2011. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: Clerk reported that she had attended the Local Community shop meeting in Barnstone. About 24 people attended from all 4 villages. A steering group is to be formed and further consultation will take place with all residents.

Correspondence: Speed Watch is now in operation. An appeal for more volunteers to be made in the next newsletter. Training session organized with the local police.

Details of new grants received – Rushcliffe Community Food Grant and Biodiversity Management Grant. Cllr. Humphreys to investigate with a view to an application for the Cemetery.

War Memorials – details had been received of a training course that is available.

Street Lighting Energy Saving – Letter received from NCC. There will be a 6-week consultation period when draft proposals are received for our villages. Cllr. Straw had been approached about a further street light for Old Forge Lane. Cllr. Humphreys to check with other residents in this road.

Coffee Club has written requesting that the purchase of some small tables for the Village Hall. The coffee club is willing to contribute to this purchase. Clerk to investigate.

An email has been received from Mrs. Rea with concerns over the recently installed tarmac drive on Blacksmith Green. Councillors agreed that it is important that we protect, and if possible, establish PC ownership of the remaining Green. Chairman to respond to Mrs Rea.

Cemetery: Cllr. Humphreys suggested that the two Duke of Edinburgh students could weed the area in the Garden of Remembrance and then assist with the reseeding of that area.

Planning: Decision: 10/02076/FUL Hazel & Spring Cottages Sutton. Granted
10/01884/FUL Newbray Granby. Granted
For consideration: 11/00030/FUL. Barnstone Lane Granby. Objections raised.

Village Hall: The new windows are now ready to be painted. A discussion took place on the colour. Windows are likely to be ready for fitting week commencing the 28th February. Cllr. Straw confirmed that the playground opening event would be held on the 9th April at 3p.m. Cllr. Suthers joined the meeting.

Finance: Current account balance: £22,652.60 Bank Reserve IAcct £9,172.89

Accounts for payment

DD British Gas (Elect)	£179.06
Turton building Control	£250.00 + £50.00 VAT
P Straw (Lock)	£14.88
NALC membership	£75.26

Councillors' reports: Cllr. Watchorn reported that the old web site was still open. Cllr. Betts to close this. Cllr. Watchorn asked if a reminder about the Educational Foundation could be in the next Newsletter.

Cllr. Preece expressed concern over the state of the grass verges and the area where the buses are turning in Sutton. Clerk to contact the bus company. Cllr. Suthers also agreed to speak to them as he has a meeting with the bus company next week.
Cllr. Straw had been asked about the 'jitty' being repaired.
Cllr. Betts reported on the Local Election Forum that he and Cllr. Humphreys had attended. Item on the forthcoming election to go in Newsletter.

Date and time of next meeting: 10th March 2011 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.00 p.m.