

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday May 12th 2011

Present: Cllrs. Betts (Chair), Humphreys, Lineker, Biggs. Cllr. Suthers in attendance.

Apologies: Cllrs. Straw, Preece Cranswick.

Declaration of Office: All councillors signed the declaration of office and members' interests forms. Cllr. Betts was elected Chair and Cllr. Humphreys as Vice Chair for the coming year. There were no other proposals for these positions.

Co-Option of Councillor: 2 parishioners had expressed an interest in being co opted onto the Council. It was agreed to adjourn this decision until the June meeting with a full Council present.

Declaration of interest: Cllr. Humphreys item 7 planning. (11/00586/FUL)

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of the 14th April 2011. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: Additional street lighting request for Old Forge Lane: Cllr. Humphreys has sent a questionnaire to all residents in Old Forge Lane seeking their views.
Blacksmith Green & "Jitty" : No further information to date.
Village Hall boundaries: A second quote received which was considered to still be too expensive. Other quotes & options to be sought. Cllr. Betts to write to Mrs. Holmes.
Invitation to Town & Parish Conference: Cllrs. Lineker & Biggs to attend.

Correspondence: New Councilor training – Cllr Biggs has attended the training prior to being elected To offer to the Co opted member.
Invitation to C Jones retirement – To pass to Cllr. Straw & Andrea Jex.
Street lighting: Now turned off between 12.30am & 5.00 am.
Proposed hedgerow removal Sutton – Cllrs to oppose the removal on wildlife and rural character grounds.

Cemetery: A request received to inter ashes into the Memorial Garden. Approved.
Cllrs. agreed to purchase a compost bin instead of a green waste bin.
A quote has been received from Hempsteads to trim the box balls for £165, this was accepted and it was agreed that the work be carried out after mid July.

Planning: Proposed rabbit farming in Granby. Since the media became involved there has been an strong negative reaction expressed by local residents. Cllr. Suthers agreed to speak with highways and it was suggested that people are encouraged to make comments on the RBC website.

For consideration: 11/00332/ FUL Chapel Farm Sutton. Objections raised on new vehicle access
11/00586/FUL Mill Pond Old forge Lane Granby. No objection but concerns raised.
Cllr. Suthers left the meeting.

Village Hall: Annual insurance quote received for £812.14 or £771.53 per year for a 3 year deal. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should try to secure an improved quote but, if not, to accept the 3 year deal.

Events Committee: Cllr Betts confirmed that the Annual Summer BBQ would be held on the 9th July in the Paddocks by kind permission of Mr. R Biggs.

Finance: Current account balance: £11,251.70 Bank Reserve Acct £9,174.02

Accounts for payment

	RCAN playground training	£60.00	
	Hempsteads	£351.40	+ £70.26 VAT
	RBC (Septic tank)	£90.91	
DD	British Gas (elect)	£70.26	

Councillors' reports: No reports.

Date and time of next meeting: 9th June 2011 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.30 p.m.