

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**Present:** Cllrs. Betts (Chair), Humphreys, Lineker, Biggs, Straw, Preece and Daw. Cllr. Cranswick (RBC) in attendance.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Suthers (NCC).

**Declaration of interest:** None

**Acceptance of minutes** of the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **Matters arising:**

Village Hall boundaries: No response to Cllr. Betts letter from Mrs. Holmes. Cllr. Betts to arrange a 3 way meeting between himself, Mrs. Holmes and the preferred supplier.

### **Correspondence:**

Review of Services (RBC) – Clerk to respond indicating no interest in delivering the identified services on behalf of RBC

Community Award nominations – PC to nominate Granby Luncheon Club for this award.

NALC Courses – Cllr. Humphreys to attend Introduction for Chairmanship course.

Invitation to NALC AGM – Cllr. Betts to attend. Richard Watchorn to be nominated for Long Service Awards. PC to nominate Cllr. Cranswick for position of Treasurer for NALC.

E mail re The Hawthorns – Cllr. Betts gave an update from planning.

Winter Services - PC to order 5 bags of free salt, also to purchase 1 tonne of salt. To purchase a blue bin for Sutton, Cllrs Preece and Daw to consult re siting. Clerk to contact highways.

### **Cemetery:**

Plan agreed for layout of memorial garden.

Cllr. Humphreys to organise working party to tidy the rough area of land in the Cemetery. Clerk to contact Hempstead's re grass cuttings.

### **Planning:**

Decisions:	11/00881/FUL	Ivy House Farm Granby.	Granted.
	11/00332/CON	Ivy House Farm Granby.	Granted.
Decisions:	10/01432/VAR	Mill Lodge Granby.	Granted.
	11/01060/AGRIC	Barnstone Lane Granby.	Refused.

Cllr Cranswick to get update from RBC on the removal of the temporary buildings on the site on Barnstone Lane Granby.

### **Village Hall:**

Lead stolen from the Village Hall roof along with a metal air vent cover. Reported to the Police. Crime no DM/07089/11

### **Parish Plan:**

A request had been received from the Parish Plan for the PC to contribute to the funding of the Village Sign. Various grants had been secured, but they are £800 plus the fitting costs short of total. The PC agreed to donate this amount in principle. Cllrs agreed to support this as long as the original design, or a slight variation of it, is used. Final design and siting to be approved by the PC.

### **National Planning Policy Framework:**

Cllr. Betts gave an update on this. The document is out for consultation. General direction is to 'relax' and simplify current planning legislation. The PC has the opportunity to submit a

Neighborhood Plan but this must be commensurate with the District Plan. Cllrs. Humphreys and Lineker to research this. Clerk to contact NALC for latest documents and training days.

**Events Committee:**

Cllr. Betts reported on behalf of the events committee on the successful summer BBQ event. It was reported that 150 – 200 people had attended. The event raised about £800 and this will help fund next year's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllrs. to consult with residents on the type of event they would like for these celebrations. Open meeting to be arranged.

**Finance:** Current account balance: £8775.69

Bank Reserve Acct Balance: £9175.16

Annual Return had been completed by the External Auditors for 2010/2011.

The following accounts were approved for payment

**Accounts for payment.**

A Coy (salary)	£537.25
K Smith (salary)	£189.77
K Smith (exps)	£ 30.17
A Coy ( exps)	£ 52.95
HMRC	£ 52.20
M Conrad (Painting)	£750.00
Severn Trent water	£ 18.01
M Lambert (windows)	£ 20.00
E ON (gas)	£ 15.77 plus £0.77p VAT
Hempsteads	£867.00 plus £173.56 VAT.
SLCC membership	£72.00

**Councillors' reports:**

Cllr. Preece reported that dog fouling had become a big problem in Sutton. Cllr. Betts to raise this in the next newsletter.

Cllr. Lineker reported that she had attended the last LAG meeting and that no police were in attendance. A letter of complaint had been sent to the Police.

Cllr. Straw reported that he has attended a speed watch co-coordinator's meeting. It was reported that the budget has been cut by 25%.

**Date and time of next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.30 p.m.