

## **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for 2009**

**held on Thursday 14th May in Granby Village Hall 7.00pm**

Being present Cllr. Mr R. Watchorn Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**Apologies** were given by:- Cllr. Straw. Mr and Mrs Cranswick

**Present** Cllrs. Humphreys, Lineker, Miles, Preece, Betts and Watchorn and 17 parishioners plus Parish Clerk Ken Brockway.

**Minutes of the APM for 2008** were summarised, copies were available for those present and the agenda had directed readers to the parish council website to view the minutes before the meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the 2008 meeting.

**Matters Arising** None

Reports were invited from the following groups:-

Parish Council

Parochial Church Council - All Saints' Church, Granby.

We have had our usual fund raising events, Harvest Supper, Carol Singing

Church roof half done along with masonry work and chimney. Work will resume in autumn when the bats have finished nesting. There will also be work on drains to a soakaway.

The church remains open every day and all newcomers and visitors are welcome.

Parish Plan Steering Group

Following its first meeting in January 2008 the steering group has met regularly on a monthly basis at present it has 15 members.

The year has been eventful with the group seeking the views of all sections of the community and to involve as many residents in the formation of the Plan to preserve and improve village amenities and the lives of those who live here.

Primary purpose of the group to produce a written document setting out the most popular issues and actions which villagers would like addressed. This was completed in March 2009 after 3 main consultation events. The Plan was launched at the end of March at an event held in Granby Village Hall and was attended by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, our County Councillor and the President of the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club; members of the group were on hand to explain the Plan. It was a very

successful evening. The Plan essentially contains two main parts, the most important of which contains a detailed Action Plan.

Some small working groups are in place to lead the work on the action plan over the coming months. The following examples are some of the outcomes which have resulted directly from the work of the Steering Group or for which the group acted as a catalyst:

- Regular speed checks undertaken by a traffic monitoring group
- Discussion with NCC over traffic control measures
- Fostering closer relationships with the local police force
- Establishment of a footpath monitoring and walking group
- Formation of a group to investigate more parking provision
- Combining village clear up sessions with monthly coffee mornings
- Carrying out surveys to check the speed of broadband provision
- Investigating the possibility of gas supply to Sutton
- Investigating ways of improving the appearance of the villages
- Promotion of a range of one-off social activities from a large summer weekend event to musical evenings, plant swaps etc.
- Promotion the formation of regular classes, clubs – yoga, pilates, gardening etc.
- Exploring the possible provision of a new sports/playing field
- Working towards the provision of allotments
- Planning a garden of rest for the cemetery
- Preparing plans and funding bids for the refurbishment of the existing play area
- Investigating the provision of a village shop
- Identifying a plan for installing additional seats for walkers
- Carrying out repairs at Granby Village Hall
- Liaising with the NCC to improve and extend the bus services
- Informing resident of the volunteer transport provision available

The Steering Group has agreed to continue to monitor and facilitate the various working groups over the next year so that the progress which has been made can be progressed and consolidated.

Shirley Taylor

Chair Granby and Sutton Village Plan Steering Group

#### Events Committee

Since last summer event in 2008 which was a wet but successful weekend which ended with a well attended Ceildh and a scarecrow competition. 2009 will be low key with a BBQ and family day plus a repeat of the scarecrow competition. The group is currently inactive.

### All Saint's Church Bell-Ringers - Mark Tubbs Tower Captain

Three ringers live in the village. The bells and ropes are in good condition. Visting bell ringers last year but none booked for 2009.

### Granby & Sutton Women's Institute

The WI now have 37 members who have enjoyed a variety of speakers throughout the year with talks on history, gardening, painting in acrylics and much more including the Friary drop in Centre which is the chosen charity for this year and for which £275 was raised.

Outings and courses have been enjoyed by all members and several members have led workshops on flower arranging, patchwork, fascinators and cake decoration after a visits to Denman College last year.

In May the annual coffee morning and plant sale raised £612.75 and in June a further £127 was raised at the WI stall at the summer solstice event.

The Newark Show once again saw Granby and Sutton WI win a trophy this year for overall winner and a trophy for interpretation and staging. Our entry for National WI of the Year Profile was selected to represent the Nottinghamshire Federation.

New crockery for the Village Hall has been purchased using money raised last year and from Rushcliffe Borough Council and NCC.

A Variety and interesting programme of events for the coming year have been planned, new members are always welcome.

### Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop and Book swap is held on the first Saturday of each month and continues to be well supported by 20-30 villagers. We have raised over £200 which will go towards the Village Hall. So far 24 coffee cups have been bought but new suggestions are always welcome. Suggestions of a coffee filter have been made advice regarding maintenance costs would be welcomed. Thank you to all villagers for their support and the Parish Councillors.

### Granby Ladies' Thursday Club

35 members, excellent speakers, fabulous Christmas meal and Adult fashion show.

### Granby Luncheon Club

Much the same each year thanks to Pat Kitchin and Sheila Milner. The Christmas Lunch was a sell out which is excellent for a Vale Village.

### Sutton Neighbourhood Watch No report

### Community Speed watch Group

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that we have carried out community speed Watch checks in Granby and Sutton. Feedback from the Parish Plan raised concerns around speeding and a recruitment drive was held over the summer for more volunteers. There are now 14 volunteers who have had training in order to carry out the watch. Regular speed checks have been taken throughout the year. The plan for more checks have been thwarted by the problems of speed gun availability and the closure of Bingham Police Station. We are keen to buy a speed gun to share with other villages at a cost of £800. More volunteers are needed to enable us to carry out 4hourly check sessions each month. We are convinced that the checks are helping to make drivers through our village more careful.

Mr Martin Suthers has offered to purchase a speed gun- need to get shared use of it. NCC informed us that Granby does not meet the criteria for an interactive sign. Those caught speeding by the group do receive letters of caution- this was confirmed by one resident.

Police No report

Footpath Group

One meeting to date, 20 volunteers who will survey the paths, provide photos and a written summary of each identifying any work that is needed to make the paths more accessible. Monthly walks have been arranged in the Vale the first being on the 24<sup>th</sup> 7 miles to Branston.

Gardening Club

Established in September 2008, 27 members who meet monthly. Guest speakers and garden visits. Harlow Carr next visit next outing. New members welcome £10 per annum.

Any other business

Representatives attended regarding the CCL fair at Belvior Castle in July. They requested the help of the PC once again to ensure that traffic problems are kept to a minimum with the residents who park on the main street to park elsewhere over that weekend. Tickets will be given to residents who are inconvenienced in this way.

3 open gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> June for the National Garden Scheme

7.40pm meeting closed.