



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST 2011 AT FOXFIELD PAVILION, GRANGE PARK COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Fry (Vch), A Stansfield, L Guedes, N Stansfield, J Walker

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Chairman of the allotments association (Barrie Randall) and several allotment holders.

Due to the urgency of the issue it was decided to call an extra-ordinary meeting prior to the next full council meeting on the 8th September 2011. In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Fry acted as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

11/119 Public Questions

Clarification was sought by the allotment holders regarding the current situation with reference to the egress/entrance to the allotments site located at Lark Lane, Grange Park and how we had arrived at this situation. The Parish Councillors explained the situation to the allotment holders who were satisfied with the response and volunteered their assistance in the matter if needed. The allotment holders left the meeting and the Parish Council discussed the situation in more detail as noted below. It was noted that the attendees would like to receive a copy of these minutes once approved.

11/120 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Smith, A Walker, M Aluko, and J Proudley due to holiday commitments.

11/121 Allotments.

The Council discussed the following issues in detail:

- An enforcement notice had been served on the Parish Council to construct a bund which would allow no vehicular access to cross the public highway to gain access to the allotments by the 24th August 2011. The Council decided that they had no choice but to comply with this and asked the Clerk to instruct Bellway homes to commence work. A quote had been obtained prior to the meeting (est. £2-£3k).
- Barrie Randall, Chairman of the allotments association volunteered to put bolts on the gates and also to inform all allotment holders about the above decision.

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- It was also noted that a letter had been sent to Northampton County Council to seek a definitive diagram/sketch (including a specification) of a new proposed egress/entrance which the Parish Council could pass on to contractors in order to obtain a quote.
- An agreement/contract also needs to be signed by both parties (Parish Council and the allotments association) this is now in hand and the Council agreed to delegate Cllr Fry and the Clerk to pursue the matter and report back at the next Parish Council meeting in September.
- It was agreed to delegate the Clerk/Cllr Fry to pursue a retrospective planning application for the change of use to the land and also if approved at the next full council meeting to incorporate a new proposed egress/entrance to the site.

In order to progress the final point the Parish Council would need to obtain further guidance from Northampton County Council ref: specification and look into the financial implications. It was therefore decided to defer any further comments to our next Full Council meeting in September when more information may have been received.

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Date of the Next Meeting

The next full council meeting will be on Thursday 8th September 2011.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.