

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs D Ramsay, L Ellington, N Stansfield, A Stansfield, N Wilson, C Fry and T Jainu- Deen.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk).

09/358 Election of Chairman

358.1 In the absence of the presiding Chairman, it was agreed to appoint Cllr Derek Ramsay as Chairman for the purpose of this meeting.

09/359 Public Questions

359.1 Ten members of the public joined the meeting to discuss what action the Parish Council may be taking in relation to the consultation document which has been issued by Northampton County Council education department regarding the proposed changes to Grange Park secondary school catchment area. The Consultation process began on Tuesday 15th December and ends on the 19th February 2010.

Members of the public expressed their concerns and disappointment regarding the proposed changes and the significant effect that it will have on them i.e. Social Cohesion, additional school buses, traffic congestion, decrease in house prices and children's future education etc.

After a brief discussion, Cllr Ramsay thanked the public for the attendance and advised them that their comments had been noted and the Parish Council would discuss it later in the agenda.

Eight members of the public left the meeting.

09/360 Apologies for Absence

360.1 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Walker, Smith, Aluko, Cates and Nobbs

09/361 Declaration of Members' Interest

361.1 None

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09/362 School Catchment Proposal

362.1 District/Parish Councillor Janiu-Deen gave background information to the Council on the initial build of Caroline Chisholm and the proposed catchment areas. He informed the meeting that he had spoken with our County Councillor B Ingram and discussed the above issues and consultation paper. He proposed that we should ask our County Councillor to invite the Local Education Authority to attend a public meeting and give a presentation of the proposals early in the New Year.

The Council agreed to this and suggested that Brian Bingley and Andrea Leasham MP should also be invited to attend. **Action: B Ingram/ T Janiu-Deen**

362.2 The Parish Council agreed to the following:

- Use of our website as a form of communication – to ask Cllr Nobbs if he would formulate a paper to be included on the web to encourage awareness.
- Leaflet drop to all residents within the new year advising them of the above public meeting
- Able to use the community centre facilities for Public Meetings (subject to availability)

It was also agreed that Cllr Ramsay would take the lead on this project.

E-mail addresses were exchanged from members of the Public and the Parish Council in order to share information and keep updated.

09/363 Date of the Next Meeting

363.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 7th January 2010 at 7.30 within the Community Centre, Grange Park

363.2 To confirm on the date for the Public meeting ref: School catchment Areas for Grange Park

There being no other business Cllr Ramsay (Chairman) closed the meeting at 8.30pm.