



## GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith S Cates, C Nobbs, R Gerrard, S Bachelor, M Crowson , D Ramsay, T Janu-Deen

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

#### 07/17 Public Questions

None

#### 07/18 District Councillors Report – Sally Townsend, Tharik Janu-Deen

District Councillor Janu-Deen reported that a temporary pumping station had been installed next to Grange Park Inn whilst new pipes are being put in place. The new pipe work is going to commence the 19<sup>th</sup> February and is estimated to take around 8-10 weeks. These pipes than need to be in service for at least a year trouble free before Anglian Water will consider acceptance.

#### 07/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jellis, Cllr Ainsworth and Cllr Proudley

#### 07/20 Declaration of Members Interest & Apologies for Absence

None

#### 07/21 Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007

21.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

21.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

#### 07/22 Chairman's Report

Further meetings between South Northants District Council; The Developer; Landscape Consultant and representatives from the Parish Council have taken place and it can be reported that it has been adjudged that the Cycle/Greenways and other open spaces are at an agreed standard and have been handed over to the District Council. There are still areas where remedial work has to take place, for example the pathway between the School and the Community Centre; the Grange Valley Greenway – area between the roundabout on Saxon Avenue near the District Centre and the hump bridge on Bridge Meadow Way. Work on the path between the School and the Community Centre is planned to start on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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We are informed that work on the collapsed sewer, near The Grange Inn, is scheduled to start on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Estimated to be completed by end May 07. After an agreed period it will then have to be adopted by Anglia Water. Once this process has been completed it is anticipated that the adoption of the roads by Northampton County Council within Grange Park will commence. The roads and the verges, up to 1 meter from the kerb, roads sweeping and traffic islands are part of highways legislation and remain the responsibility of the developers until such time the adoption process is completed. Street lighting is also the responsibility of the developers who have already been made aware of the many faults. We are advised that adoption of the roads and footpaths might not be for another 2 to 3 years.

It was arranged with the developer for Road Salt Bins to be placed at strategic places, but usage is strictly your responsibility.

It is anticipated that basic remedial work on The Spinney and Alamein Wood will also be undertaken shortly, but more intense arboreal tidying up will not be undertaken until such time that the handover to the Parish Council is complete.

An urgent **repair** to the footpaths in Foxfield Country Park has started.

It has been noted that there has been garden waste and other items dumped in the Woods and the Country Parks residents should be aware that this is Fly Tipping and can be subject to prosecution. It has also been noted that quite a large number of trees on Foxfields have been vandalised, the growth points removed. Foxfield and Wootton Brook Country Parks are public property to be enjoyed by everybody.

## **07/23 Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report

## **07/24 Finance**

24.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

24.2 It was agreed that following the meeting with SNC no changes would be made to our precept and therefore the precept figure of £109,207.52 will be submitted to the District Council

**Action: Clerk**

24.3 The Council agreed to pay the additional cost of £23.10 per year to increase our fidelity insurance from £2,000 to £10,000 as recommended by our internal auditor.

**Action: Clerk**

24.4 The Council considered the grant request from the Youth Club and decided to give them £500 towards the cost of replacing items which had been broken. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Youth Club and enclose a cheque.

**Action: Clerk**

24.5 The Council considered the grant request from the Rainbows and decided to give them £144 towards the cost of hiring the hall. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Rainbows and enclose a cheque.

**Action: Clerk**

## **07/25 Planning, Highways and Transportation**

25.1 S/2007/0083/P

Location: 4 Dunnock Lane, Grange Park  
Proposal: A single storey extension at rear  
Case officer: Suzanne Groves  
Observations: No comment

S/2006/1746/P

Location: Unit 5 Wilks Way, Grange Park  
Proposal: Change of use from A1 (retail) to A3 (café, coffee shop, bistro)  
Case Officer: Angela Whitfield  
Observations: No comment

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25.2 The Council noted the following decisions:

**Granted**

S/2006/1577/CLU

52 Woodlands, Grange Park

Formation of rooms in roof with dormer at rear

## **07/26 Administration and Staffing**

26.1 The Council agreed and approved a recommendation from the staffing working group to recruit an Assistant Caretaker/Keyholder from April 2007. The Clerk was asked to advertise the post at £6.50 per hour with hours of work is negotiable due to changing demands. **Action: Clerk**

26.2 The Council agreed and approved that all permanent Council staff should be offered the local Government Pension Contract with effect from April 2007. The Clerk was asked to inform all employees of this decision. **Action: Clerk**

## **07/27 Recreation and Amenities**

27.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that we were still waiting on dates to be agreed with Great Houghton to visit their sporting facilities. Cllr Smith also tabled a list of suggestions regarding the Foxfields project. It was agreed that we would discuss this issue at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

## **07/28 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

28.1 The Council approved the expenditure to purchase a new Naumatic floor cleaning machine. The cost is approx £750.00 . The Clerk was asked to purchase this item. **Action: Clerk**

28.2 The Council agreed that the shed should be replaced with a more substantial brick built building. The Clerk in liaison Cllr Ramsay were asked to look into suggested locations, cost etc and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Ramsay**

## **07/29 Community Activities**

29.1 Cllr Cates reported the due to the increased workload of Charing the Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed that he would speak to Cllr Proudley and ask if she was interested in running the Social Events Group. **Action: Cllr Cates**

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Watch meeting in February was well attended and very informative.

Cllr Cates informed the meeting that he had spoken to County Councillor B Ingram about the possibility of sponsoring an activating speed sign for Grange Park. A decision was still outstanding.

**Action: Cllr Cates**

## **07/30 Website and Newsletter**

30.1 Cllr Walker reported that the website is now up and running and that if any members wanted anything included on the site then please submit the information to the Clerk for approval.

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**07/31 Correspondence**

- NCC – Local Bus Service – Changes during February 2007

**07/32 Date of the Next Meeting**

32.1 The following dates were approved:

1<sup>st</sup> March , 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007

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There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.