



## GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, N Wilson, T Jainu-Deen, S Cates, L Ellington

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

#### 09/188 Public Questions

None

#### 09/189 District Councillors Report

Cllr Jainu-Deen reported he is liaising with the County Council regarding services that should be taking place within Grange Park e.g. road cleaning, street lights and the adoption of the roads. The Clerk was asked to invite Bernard Ingram, County Councillor to the next Parish Council meeting in February to update us on the situation.

**Action: Clerk**

It was also noted that the advert has been published for the election of a District Councillor for Grange Park Ward, all nomination papers must be returned to the District Council by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Community Centre in Grange Park.

#### 09/190 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Proudley and C Nobbs.

#### 09/191 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr Amanda Stansfield declared an interest in item 09/192 and declined from voting.

#### 09/192 Co-Option of Parish Councillor

192.1 Two residents expressed an interest in being co-opted as a Parish Councillor for Grange Park. Unfortunately only one applicant could be considered on the evening as no information had been received from the other interested party.

192.2 The Council duly considered the application of Nigel Stansfield and all agreed to co-opt him as a Parish Councillor. As Nigel was not in attendance at the meeting the Clerk will arrange for him to come into the office and sign the following forms : Declaration of Interest, acceptance of Office, copy of the code of conduct and to receive a copy of the good councillors guide.

The resignation of Cllr Foster was accepted and the vacancy will be advertised shortly.

#### 09/193 Minutes of the meeting of 4 December 2008

193.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

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- 193.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

## 09/194 Chairman's Report

- 194.1 To be included
- 194.2 The Chairman reported that he will be attending a meeting with the Chief Executive of Northampton County Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009. He will update the Council at the next meeting in February.
- 194.3 It was agreed that Neil Wilson will represent the Parish Council at the Police Surgery to be held at Budgens Store on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 . The Clerk was asked to notify Richard Markham, PCSO.

## 09/195 Clerk's Report

- 195.1 The Clerk reported that there had been some damage caused over the Christmas period to Parish Council property. The notice board at Budgens glass was smashed; graffiti on one of the litter bins and the Christmas lights at the Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to resolve. **Action: Clerk**

It was also noted that our claims for VAT had been looked into by H M Customs and that confirmation has been received that no further action needs to be taken.

## 09/196 Finance

- 196.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 196.2 It was agreed to defer this agenda item until the next Full Council meeting in February, when all relevant paperwork had been received and completed .
- 196.3 The Council agreed the Budget for 2009/10 and the precept of £125,266. The Council agreed that Cllr Smith would write a brief review in the next edition of the Newsletter explaining the slight increase of 5.2%. The Parish Clerk was asked to submit our application for the funding to SNC by the end of the month . **Action: Cllr Smith/Clerk**
- 196.4 The Council considered a grant application from the Brownies for a contribution towards the cost of the census this year which cost £17.75 per person in the unit including all leaders. The Council agreed to contribute £250. The Clerk was asked to sort out the relevant paperwork. **Action: Clerk**

## 09/197 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 197.1 The following applications were considered:

S/2008/1518/P

Location: Land to the side of 40 Deer Close, Grange Park  
Proposal: Demolish existing boundary wall and replace with 6ft fence around all of the residential cartilage owned  
Observations: No Comment

S/2008/1711/P

Location: 7 The Rookery, Grange Park  
Proposal: Single storey front extension and first floor rear extension  
Observations: No comment

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- 197.2 No Planning decisions received.
- 197.3 The Council agreed to delegate the Chairman to write something in the next edition of the Newsletter regarding the storage of caravans within Grange Park. **Action: Chairman**

## **09/198 Administration and Staffing**

- 198.1 No issues were discussed.

## **08/199 Recreation and Amenities**

- 199.1 Cllr Smith reported that work had commenced on the 5<sup>th</sup> January on the Foxfields Sports/ Recreation Pavilion. A site meeting has been booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am where progress will be viewed. Updates will be given at all Parish Council meetings throughout the build.

Legal issues are still ongoing and hopefully will be resolved shortly.

As previously mentioned the drainage contractors will review the condition of the ground and advise us accordingly of a start date.

## **08/200 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

- 200.1 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that himself and the Parish Clerk are working on new 2009/10 tariff rates for the community centre and associated facilities due to the recent enhanced charge of energy costs. All information will be brought back to council for approval at the next meeting in February.  
**Action: Clerk/Cllr Ramsay**

## **08/201 Community Activities**

- 201.1 Cllr Cates
- 183.1 Cllr Nobbs reported that notes and actions had been circulated to all Councillors regarding the Firework Event and a provisional date had been agreed for next year of Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. **Action: All members**
- 183.2 It was noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Community Centre. **Action: All members**
- 183.3 It was noted that a blood transfusion van may be coming to Grange Park in January 2009. Cllr Cates will advise on time and date. **Action: Cllr Cates**
- 183.4 The Parish Council agreed to fully support the police in their operation to display pictures of vehicles who are parked in a hazardous, dangerous or unsafe position outside the Primary school and Community Centre.
- 183.5 It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise a ' Best Christmas Lights Competition' this year. The Council agreed that it would be nice to invite some of the residents from Richmond Care Home to be the judges. The Judging will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Prizes given out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The prizes have been donated by Frosts, Wyvale, Budgens and Richmond Care Home. **Action: Cllr Nobbs/Clerk**

## **08/184 Website and Newsletter**

- 184.1 The Clerk reported that 2 quotes had been received for the distribution of leaflets within Grange Park costing £250-£300 from Commercial Companies. It was therefore agreed due to the cost that we would stay with our existing distributor K R Distributions.

184.2 No other website/Newsletter issues were discussed

**08/185 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Due to the confidential nature and business about to be transacted the minutes of this item will only be attached to the original minutes .

**08/186 Correspondence**

- SNC – Dog Controls Orders – Noted
- NALC Update – Noted

**08/187 Date of the Next Meeting**

187.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.30pm

