



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JULY 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, D Ramsay, J Foster, A Stansfield, C Rees, G Proudley, M Crowson, C Nobbs
T Jainu-Deen and S Cates

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

07/99 Public Questions

There were no public questions although one member of the public attended the meeting as an observer.

07/100 District Councillors Report – Tharik Jainu-Deen, Peter O’Leary

Cllr Janu-Deen updated the Council on the following issues:

- A meeting had been arranged by our District Councillors with Stagecoach and NCC regarding the re-routing of the bus stops within Grange Park. These details were noted and the Chairman advised the meeting that this issue will be discussed later under agenda item 109.2.
- A brief update was given by Cllr Jainu-Deen and Cllr Nobbs regarding the meeting that they attended with SNC regarding a possible shortfall in the funding available to refurbish the site at the District Centre (Old Library building).

07/101 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Gerrard.

District Councillor Peter O’Leary also sent his apologies.

07/102 Declaration of Members Interest

None .

07/103 Minutes of the meeting of 7th June 2007

103.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 7th June 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a Correct record.

103.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

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07/104

Chairman's Report

- 104.1 The Chairman reported that he only had two issues to raise and that all other matters were covered within the agenda.

The Chairman circulated information files to all councillors present. These files contained copies of the new code of conduct, declaration of interest, Good Councillor Guides, Budgets, Standing Orders and Financial regulations

The Chairman sought volunteers for the post of Lead Councillor for Quality Status. The following Councillors agreed: Cllr C Rees and Cllr J Foster

- 104.2 The Council agreed the following projects and asked the Clerk to write to our County Councillor seeking some funding: Signs for the Playground / Entrance Sign 'Welcome to Grange Park' or additional litter bins. **Action: Clerk**

- 104.3 The meeting approved that the Clerk would circulate a list of contact details and seek confirmation from each councillor that they are happy for the contents to be advertised on all notice boards within the Parish. **Action: Clerk**

07/105

Clerk's Report

- 105.1 Nothing to report

07/106

Finance

- 106.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 106.2 The Council considered a request from Grange Park United Football Club (Adults) and after a brief discussion decided that their request was unsuccessful.
- 106.3 The Council considered a grant request for a fundraising event for a terminally ill child within Grange Park. The Council agreed to donate £200. The Clerk was asked to organise the relevant paperwork. **Action: Clerk**
- 106.4 The Council considered a grant request from Grange Park Rangers Football Club (Junior) and agreed to donate £500 to be used to help towards the financial cost of hiring the MUGA for training sessions. The Clerk was asked to organise the relevant paperwork. **Action: Clerk**

07/107

Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 107.1 The Council considered the following planning applications:

07/0168/REMWNS - RESERVED MATTERS

Location: Land of Saxon Avenue Zone F, Grange Park

Proposal: Erection of 5 No. B1 and No B2/B8 units with associated road, parking and services.

Case Officer: John Hill

Observations: The Council considered both applications submitted for this site and agreed that they preferred Option 2 as siting the B8 (Storage and Distribution) unit in the centre of the proposed development would reduce the visual impact when viewed from Saxon Avenue.

The Council would also insist that a sufficient landscaping scheme is implemented to screen the units and enhance the appearance of the development

The following application was noted:

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Location: 57 Quintionside, Grange Park

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear

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107.2 It was noted that no feedback had been received from the consultation meeting with Frontiers on Friday 8th June.

The Council decided that once a planning application has been submitted (due during the summer) then the Parish Council would distribute leaflets to all residents within the Parish seeking their views and arrange a public meeting. The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Proudley to produce and organise distribution of the relevant leaflets. **Action: Cllr Proudley**

107.3 No decision notices were received

07/108 Administration and Staffing

108.1 No matters were discussed

07/109 Recreation and Amenities

109.1 Cllr Crowson reported on the parking problems that have occurred at Foxfields Country Park. The Council agreed that they would speak to our Landscape Contractors regarding the installation of wooden bollards to be erected on the green area outside the Country Park. The Chairman agreed to progress this issue. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to speak to our PCSO regarding youths urinating up against the wall by Foxfields Country Park. **Action: Clerk**

109.2 The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Proudley to attend an exploratory meeting on Monday 9th July at 10.30am with NCC and Stagecoach and report back at the next meeting in September in order to advise the parish councillors what action, if any could be taken. **Action: Cllr Proudley – Agenda item for the next meeting**

109.3 It was agreed to delegate the Chairman and the Clerk to consider locations for the siting of the dog bins and seek approval at the next Parish Council Meeting in September. **Action: Chairman/Clerk – Agenda Item for the next meeting**

109.4 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that a visit to Corby had taken place to view the newly constructed Sports Pavilion and facilities.

Cllr Smith then updated the meeting on the following progress with Foxfields Pavilion:

- An architect (HSSP) has been appointed and he is looking at various designs, locations etc
- Sports Turf Research Institute had examined the pitches at Foxfields and we were currently awaiting a feasibility report outlining our options. It was agreed that these options would be considered at our next meeting in September. **Action: Clerk - Agenda item for the next meeting**
- A pre-planning meeting is organised for tomorrow to seek the views of the Case Officer with regards to location, size, design of Foxfields Pavilion. It was agreed that an update will be given at the September meeting. **Action: Clerk – Agenda item for the next meeting**

Cllr Smith also informed the meeting that Grange Park Cricket Club had written to us regarding the timescales involved with the Pavilion Project. It was agreed to delegate Cllr Smith to speak to the cricket club and update them accordingly. **Action: Cllr Smith**

109.5 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that we were still awaiting a quote from Doe Sports regarding the issue of providing a MUGA facility within the Community Land at the end of School Lane. It was agreed to also discuss this issue with the Planning Officer and seek his views with regards to the project. **Action: Clerk – Agenda item for the next meeting**

109.6 Cllr Jainu-Deen informed the meeting that the landscape contractors were currently monitoring the apparent flooding issues at Bluebell Rise, Grange Park

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07/110 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

No matters were discussed

07/111 Community Activities

111.1 Cllr Proudley updated the council on some of the following arrangements which have been discussed regarding the Firework Display:

Date : Saturday 3rd November
Venue: Foxfields County Park
Time: 7.00 – onwards

The Council agreed that they would donate £2,000 to the event in order to buy the equipment, fireworks etc but that all entry donations on the night would be given back to the Parish

The clerk was asked to book St Johns Ambulance from 7.30pm **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Smith and Cllr Nobbs will be attending a training course run by Kimbolton Fireworks.
Action: Cllrs Nobbs/Smith

It was agreed that we would advertise the event in this month's edition of the newsletter asking for volunteers and if anyone is interested in running a stall all proceeds will go to the stall holders.
Action: Cllr Nobbs

The Clerk needs to write to the Land Owner (Bellway) to obtain agreement that we can use Foxfields Country Park for the above event.
Action: Clerk

Cllr Proudly will be looking into crowd drawers such as fire-fighters and also ask local businesses for sponsorship.
Action: Cllrs Proudley/ Stansfield

111.2 Cllr Cates reported that the Youth Club have been successful and obtained a £7,000 grant for summer activities for 2007/08 . The Clerk was asked to e-mail Cllr Cates all available dates in August. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would distribute and copy leaflets which will be sent to all residents before the summer holidays.
Action: Cllr Cates/ Clerk

It was noted that there will be a Cricket Tournament at Foxfields Country Park on the first Sunday in August 2007.

Neighbourhood Watch issues will be updated in the newsletter

07/112 Website and Newsletter

112.1 It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to our webmaster regarding the design of the website and perhaps incorporate some pop up messages.
Action: Chairman

07/113 Correspondence

- SNC – Proposed Stock Transfer to South Northants Homes - Noted
- TCL Delivering Long Term Sustainable Growth to Towcester - Noted
- The Clerk was asked to update our details and to ensure that Grange Park Parish Council use the Community Centre as their registered office.
Action: Clerk

07/114 Date of the Next Meeting

114.1 The following dates were approved:

6th September 2007 – Parish Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.30pm.