



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, S Cates, C Nobbs, D Ramsay, T Janu-Deen, C Ainsworth, G Proudley

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

Preliminary to the Meeting

The Chairman presented District Councillor Sally Townsend with some flowers and a card to say thank you for all the hard work, dedication and commitment she has given to Grange Park Parish Council since 1999.

07/33 Public Questions

None

07/34 District Councillors Report – Sally Townsend, Tharik Janu-Deen

District Councillor Sally Townsend informed the meeting that Frontier developers will be getting in touch with the Parish Council to discuss future development at Zone E (old Ikea Site), Grange Park .

It has been confirmed that the Care Home at Grange Park is being built within the height that has been granted on the planning application S/2005/1066/PR. (Copy of letter can be obtained from the office)

The Chairman reported that a questionnaire had been sent to most of the residents within Grange Park from South Northamptonshire District Council requiring information on our community, transport, education, recreational activities etc to enable them to compile a portfolio of issues when building other housing developments within the District.

It was agreed that District Councillor Sally Townsend would look into the issue of the poll tax valuation for the potential residents of Richmond Retirement Homes in Grange Park.

Action: Sally Townsend/Thairk Deen-Janu

07/35 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jellis, R Gerrard, S Batchelor and M Crowson

07/36 Declaration of Members Interest & Apologies for Absence

None

07/37 Minutes of the meeting of 1st February 2007

37.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 1st February 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

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- 37.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

07/38 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- Work has now commenced on the collapsed sewer near the Grange Inn. It was reported that they would have to dig down 8 metres to hit solid ground.
- Prologis have commenced planting down the path adjacent to the Community Centre.
- It was reported that a meeting is scheduled to take place on 20th April with SNC, developers and NCC to discuss the adoption process and various issues affecting Grange Park.

07/39 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

07/40 Finance

- 40.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 40.2 The Council agreed and approved the expenditure (approx £75) relating to the distribution of the Neighbourhood Watch leaflets. The Clerk was asked to organise the copying and circulation.
Action: Clerk
- 40.3 The Council agreed that only one insurance policy is required for the Community Centre and the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Insurance Company. **Action: Clerk**
- 40.4 The Council agreed that it was necessary to purchase/lease a vehicle for Parish Council business. It was agreed to delegate Cllrs Proudley, Cates, Ramsay and Walker to look into the matter and make a recommendation at the next parish Council meeting in April for approval.
Action: Cllrs Proudley/Cates/Ramsay/Walker and the Clerk
- 40.5 The Council agreed to write off the outstanding debt of a hirer (Slimming World) of the Community Centre for £217.00. The Clerk was asked to do the alterations to our financial accounts.
Action: Clerk
- 40.6 The Council discussed the future management of Contract 4 and S106 monies which are currently being held by SNC. It was agreed that Grange Park Parish Council should run these projects unless SNC could give us advantageous reasons why they should not release control. The Council delegated Cllrs Walker and Smith to make this decision and report back to the Council in April.
Action: Cllrs Walker/Smith
- 40.7 The Council agreed to appoint BDO Stoy Hayward as our external Auditor for 2006/07.
- 40.8 The Council agreed the expenditure relating to appointment of the NALC internal auditor for 2007/08.
Action: Clerk
- 40.9 The Council decided to defer to discussion relating to the possibility of recruiting a PCSO for Grange Park. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting in April
Action: Clerk
- 40.10 The Council agreed to pay the Bronze contract for the irrigation system for the Bowling Green for 2007/08.
- 40.11 The Council agreed to give a grant to the 1st Grange Park Brownies of 2005/06 to help fund some new equipment. The Clerk was asked to organise. **Action: Clerk**

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07/41 Planning,Highways and Transportation

41.1 No planning application have been received.

41.2 No decision notices were received.

07/42 Administration and Staffing

42.1 Cllr Nobbs reported that we have had numerous enquiries regarding the advert for the post of Assistant Caretaker/Keyholder but no formal applications. It was therefore agreed that we would advertise more widely and put it in the Herald and Post, Northampton Echo and Chronicle and the local job centre. It was also agreed that due to the time constraints we should seek alternative arrangements from a temping agency. The Clerk was asked to organise this. **Action: Clerk**

42.2 It was agreed that no comments would be made to the consultation paper for the Model Code of Conduct for local authority members.

07/43 Recreation and Amenities

43.1 The Council agreed the expenditure for two notice boards to be erected at Foxfields Country Park and Budgens. (approx £1,950) The Clerk was asked to seek approval from Bellway Homes to erect a notice board within Foxfields and also speak to the manager of Budgens. It was agreed that we would purchase a man-made timber for Foxfields and an aluminium board for Budgens. The Clerk was asked to purchase these items and seek quotes from an installation company. **Action: Clerk**

43.2 Cllr Smith reported that the next stage of the Foxfields project would be to appoint an Architect which will be sought from the approved list from the Football Foundation. Once this has happened then draft plans will be circulated and public consultation sought. District Councillor Sally Townsend suggested that we may wish to speak to the property developers located within our Parish (Lambert & Smith). It was agreed that Cllr Smith will report at each meeting any progress. **Action: Cllr Smith**

07/44 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

44.1 The Council agreed that the Clerk should e-mail all Council staff and Councillors requesting that all Community Centre keys are returned to the Parish Office in order for them to be monitored and listed for security reasons. It was also agreed that if personal group storage cupboards are being opened and items being taken/broken then the only other option is to change the barrels on individual doors. The Clerk and Lead Councillor Ramsay were asked to monitor the situation and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

44.2 After a brief discussion, the Council decided to apply for minor project grants from South Northamptonshire District Council, Northamptonshire County Council and Awards for all. The Clerk was asked to complete the relevant forms and apply. **Action: Clerk**

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07/45 Community Activities

45.1 Cllr Cates reported on the following issues:

- Youth Council – No responses have been received
- Neighbourhood Watch and the Arts Council information has been advertised in the Grange park news this month.
- A meeting is to take place with Colin Hull from SNC regarding some summer activities to take place within Grange Park and grants available. Cllr Cates will update the Council at the next meeting.

07/46 Website and Newsletter

46.1 The Chairman reported that the Grange Park News has now been distributed to all residents within the Parish. It was also suggested that we need to formulate a list of street lights which are not working or flickering within the Parish. The Clerk was asked to compile a list and put a note of it on our website.

Action: Clerk

07/47 Correspondence

- NCC - Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2008/2016 – Noted
- No Smoking regulations – 1st July 2007 – The Clerk was asked to make sure that all signs were displayed before 1st July 2007. **Action: Clerk**

07/48 Date of the Next Meeting

48.1 The following dates were approved:

5th April, 10th May 2007

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

