

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th May 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk),

09/245 Public Questions

Paul Mason our newly appointed Football Development Officer introduced himself to the Council. He informed the meeting that as a local resident he will be looking forward to serving the community in all football matters and liaising with the local clubs Grange Park Rangers, Wooldale FC and Northamptonshire FA as well as working closely with the local schools.

Cllr Smith informed the Council that a revenue grant had been awarded to the Council in order for us to employ the above officer for a fixed contract of 3 years who will be working in partnership with the Football Association.

If you are interested in speaking to Paul further about any issues regarding local football or Foxfields Pavilion and Pitches, please contact him on his mobile 07809 667206 or by e-mail at football@grangeparkpc.org

He will report to the Parish Council at this meeting quarterly.

09/246 District Councillors Report – Paul Farrow

District Councillor Paul Farrow informed the meeting that he will be attending a Resource and development meeting at SNC where Anglia Water will attend to discuss the issues with the adoption of roads within Grange Park . He will update us at the next meeting in June.

Action: District Councillor

South Northamptonshire District Council are currently discussing the interim Rural Housing Policy.

It was noted that County Council elections will take place on the Thursday 4th June and that Grange Park Community Centre will be used as a polling station.

09/247 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Stansfield and Cllr Nobbs.

09/248 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllrs Smith, Walker and Cates declared an interest in Item 09/252.4 - Grange Park Scout Grant application
Cllr Cates declared an interest in Item No 09/252.5 – Grange Park Cricket Club grant application

09/249 Minutes of the meeting of 2nd April 2009

- 249.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 2nd April 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.
- 249.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

09/250 Chairman's Report

- 233.1 The Chairman reported on the following issues:
- It was noted that a spate of vandalism has happened at Foxfields Country Park Pavilion over the last couple of weeks - photographs have been taken and there will be an additional delay in completion of building works . Estimated 2 weeks

09/251 Clerk's Report

- 251.1 The Parish Clerk reported that she is scheduled to attend a course on the 'power of well being' on Thursday 14th May 2009.

09/252 Finance

- 252.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 252.2 The Council approved the expenditure relating to Contract 4 (Maintenance of all openspaces within the Parish).
- 252.3 The Parish Council approved the income and expenditure for the end of the financial year 2009. The Council also approved Section 1 – statement of accounts and Section 2 – Annual governance statement of the Annual Return
- 252.4 The Council considered a grant request from Grange Park Scout Group for a donation of £500 towards the rental costs of the community centre. The Council agreed and approved the above sum. (Local government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19)
- 252.5 The Council considered a grant request from Grange Park Cricket Club for a donation of £500 towards providing a cricket coach over the summer holidays (Local government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19)

09/253 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 253.1 The following applications were considered:
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| Location: | Grange Farm Service Station London Road, Northampton |
| Proposal: | Raise height of existing forecourt canopy |
| Observations: | No comment |
| Location: | Grange Park 3 Cheaney Drive Grange Park |
| Proposal: | Cooling equipment with noise attenuation barriers |
| Observations: | The Clerk was asked to write to local residents seeking clarification from them as to whether the noise mitigation measures which have been installed to the units are satisfactory. |
- Action: Clerk**
- 253.2 No further planning applications or decision notices were received.

09/254 Administration and Staffing

- 237.1 Nothing to report.

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Recreation and Amenities

- 255.1 Cllr Smith updated the meeting on the progress of the construction of the Sports/Recreation building at Foxfields Country Park and showed Councillors a catalogue of pictures. He explained that at the moment we were currently behind schedule of around 5 weeks and now an additional 2 weeks for vandalism .

The roof should be installed over the next couple of weeks . The next phase of the build is to give some thought as to the layout of the kitchen – If any Councillors have suggestions or would like to discuss – please forward all e-mails to Cllr Martin Smith.

DW Drainage are currently on site and a progress/update meeting is scheduled for Friday 8th May 2009.

Our next site meeting is scheduled for the 2nd June 2009 at 10.30am. Action: **All Members**

A brief discussion took place regarding the installation and financial situation of the cricket square at Foxfields Country Park – The current finances are as follows: £10,000 held by the Grange Park Parish Council and £5000 from grant funding from WNDC. It was agreed that we need to give this matter some additional thought and it would be put on the next month's agenda. **Action: Clerk**

- 255.2 It was noted that a wish list had been sent to contractors to see what cost is involved in setting up allotments/leisure gardens at Lark Lane. Ownership of land is still outstanding.
- 255.3 The Council asked for a schedule of works for the upkeep and maintenance of all the openspaces within Grange Park for this financial year. **Action: Clerk**

It was also noted that a letter had been sent to a local resident regarding the planting of trees within the boundary of Foxfields Country Park. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the resident asking for the plants/shrubs to be removed, if not, then we will instruct our contractors to remove them when next mowing that area. **Action: Clerk**

- 255.4 It was noted that our current contractor A H Contracts had recently bought a batch of dog bins from Islington Borough Council and was prepared to sell them to us for a cost of £20 for the bin and £30 Installation charge. It was agreed that we would purchase 6, install 3 and store 3 at the community for installation at a later date. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that we need to formulate some wording for signs to be erected on the playparks and at Foxfield Country Park. The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Ellington/Clerk to formulate some appropriate wording. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Ellington**

Cllr A Stansfield gave a brief update on the designs of the muga,skateboard ramp and youth shelter that is proposed to be located within Grange Valley Greenway Section 3-4. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for the June meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 256.1 Nothing to report

Community Activities

- 257.1 Cllr Cates reported that Liz Clayson would like to work in partnership with us to set up a youth Forum in Grange Park. There will be no cost to the Parish Council
- 257.2 Cllr Cates reported that he had been contacted by Horts Estate agents regarding a leaflet to be sent around to all residents regarding activities within Grange Park. Please contact Cllr Cates with any information.
- 257.3 It was noted that some councillors volunteered to clear out the pond at the Witheys.

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09/258 Website and Newsletter

258.1 The Grange Park News will be delivered by the end of June

09/259 Correspondence

All items discussed within the Meeting

09/260 Date of the Next Meeting

260.1 The next Parish and Annual Council meeting will be held on Thursday 4th June

260.2 It was noted that all agenda items should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by the 1st June 2009.

- Financial update on the installation of Cricket Square at Foxfields Country Park
- Wording of signs and approval of purchase

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

