

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd April 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, C Nobbs,

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk),

09/227 Public Questions

Two Local residents attended the meeting and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support the Family Fun Day which had been arranged for the 31st May 2009 using the facilities at the Community Centre, Woodland View Primary School, the green at School Lane and the Carparks. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the parish council would be delighted to support such an event and that Cllrs A Stansfield/Cllr Ellington would liaise with the organising group regarding the event and all appropriate paperwork, (risk assessments, liability insurance etc). It was agreed that they would report back at the next meeting in May.

Mr Barrie Randall also joined the meeting to discuss the installation of allotments at Lark Lane and tabled several diagrams illustrating layout/design etc. The Parish Council agreed that in principle due to the high demand they were happy but would have to wait for the legal transfer of the land from Bellway before they are able to proceed.

The Clerk was asked to speak to our solicitors regarding timescales. **Action: Clerk**

09/228 District Councillors Report

District Councillor Jainu –Deen informed the Council that a meeting had been held with Representatives from the highway section of Northamptonshire County Council, MP Brian Bingley, Bellway Homes, invited local residents and members of Grange Park Parish Council to discuss the process of the adoption of the roads within Grange Park. It was agreed at the meeting that a schedule will be produced and approved by cabinet and be circulated by the 16th June detailing the issues/timeframes etc.

Action: District Councillor

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.

09/229 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Cates and Cllr N Stansfield.

It was also noted that Cllr G Proudley has resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to send a letter thanking her for her support, commitment and time given over the years. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was also asked to advertise the vacancy. **Action: Clerk**

09/230 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr Ramsay declared an interest in Item 09/237.

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09/231 Co-option of Parish Councillor

231.1 This item was discussed earlier under the Annual Meeting of the Parish. (Notes attached)

09/232 Minutes of the meeting of 5th February 2009

232.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 5th February 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

232.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

09/233 Chairman's Report

233.1 The Chairman reported that he had attended several meetings on behalf of the Council

- It was reported that Contract 4/Openspaces management will be handed over to the parish Council as from the 1st April 2009.
- Developers are currently liaising with our solicitors in order to hand over these areas to the Parish Council for us to maintain. Grange Valley Greenway sections 1-5 is currently with our solicitor and should be handed over shortly.

09/234 Clerk's Report

234.1 The Clerk sought approval from the Council for her to attend a course in order to obtain the qualification of the ' Power of well Being' if we are successful and met all the criteria, this would mean that the Parish Council will have the power to do anything they consider suitable to promote the economic, social and well being of the Parish. All members present approved.

234.2 The Council approved and agreed to invite the SNVH to attend our next Annual Meeting in May. The Clerk was asked to organise. **Action: Clerk**

09/235 Finance

235.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

235.2 The Council considered a grant application from Grange Park Pre-school requesting a donation of £250 to purchase some outdoor equipment. The Parish Council approved and agreed to donate £250(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976s.19). The Clerk was asked to organise. **Action: Clerk**

235.3 The application received from Grange Park Village WI has been withdrawn.

235.4 Cllr Smith updated the Council on the current situation regarding the S106 monies held by SNC and managed by us as from April 1st 2009. We currently rely on the interest on our investments to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of all the public areas within Grange Park. Due to the economic situation and the decrease in interest rates we will have a significant shortfall this year. After a brief discussion it was agreed that for this year only we would take the shortfall from our investments. The Clerk was asked to organise this and transfer the money when needed to pay invoices. **Action: Clerk**

235.5 The Parish Council agreed and approved the installation of street lights within Spinney wood at an estimated cost of £15,000. The Clerk was asked to organise. **Action: Clerk**

235.6 The Parish Council approved and agreed to accept the fee quotation from Quartet Design of £7850 per annum which provides landscaping support, advice and supervisory functions. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of confirmation and acceptance. **Action: Clerk**

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09/236 Planning, Highways and Transportation

236.1 The following applications were considered:

S/2009/0210/A

Location: BP Grange Farm Service Centre A45
Proposal: Freestanding Illuminated pole sign
Observations: No comment

S/2009/0189/P

Location: 21 Great Ground Walk, Grange Park
Proposal: Part conversion of garage into habitable room
Observations: No comment

236.2 No further planning applications or decision notices were received.

09/237 Administration and Staffing

237.1 All issues will be discussed under item 09/243.

09/238 Recreation and Amenities

238.1 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 2 weeks due to severe weather conditions- roof trusses will be installed on Monday – regular meetings are being held with the architect and the builders (Inspire).

Our next site meeting is scheduled for the 29th April 2009 at 10.30am. Action: **All Members**

238.2 The update and maintenance of the public open spaces has already been discussed under item 09/233.

238.3 The creation of allotments were already discussed under Public Questions

09/239 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

239.1 The Council agreed following the recommendation received verbally from the Health and Safety Customer Services helpline not to proceed with any installation of anti- slip paint on the stairs to the Bowling Green as they already comply with DSE standard. The Clerk was asked to advise the Bowling/Grange Bowling Club. **Action: Clerk**

239.2 It was noted that some responses had been received from users of the community centre regarding the increased tariff rates as from April 2009.

239.3 It was noted that a meeting had taken place with the Bowls Club and no outstanding issues were noted.

239.4 The Clerk reported that a verbal estimate of £32,000 had been received from a local builder to convert the changing/showers rooms of the community centre. It was agreed that we need to formulate a specification /design and tender. It was agreed that Cllrs Ramsay/N Stansfield/ S Cates would look into the matter. **Action: Cllrs Ramsay/N Stansfield/S Cates**

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09/240 Community Activities

- 240.1 It was noted that Cllrs Cates and Stansfield were organising for the youth group within Grange Park to go to Towcester in order to see what facilities they have on offer.
- 240.2 It was noted that a Climbing Wall will be available for our use from SNC during the school holidays – one day only. It was agreed that the end of July would be a good time . The Clerk was asked to liaise with SNC. **Action: Clerk**
- 240.3 It was agreed that in order to proceed with a grant application to WNDC for a youth leader the Council would need to have a proposal suggesting hours, workload, demand etc. **Action Cllr Cates**

09/241 Website and Newsletter

- 241.1 It was noted that all articles for the Grange Park News need to be submitted to the editor by 17th April 2009. **Action: All members**

09/242 Correspondence

All items discussed within the Meeting

09/243 Exclusion of Press

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the Chairman asked members of the public to be temporarily excluded. The notes of this part of the meeting will be (section 2) and only attached to the originals.

08/244 Date of the Next Meeting

- 244.1 The next Parish and Annual Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May
- 244.2 It was noted that all agenda items should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by the 1st May 2009.

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

