



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, C Rees, S Cates, G Proudley , D Ramsay and J Foster

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

07/163 Public Questions

A number of youths from Grange Park joined the meeting to discuss the need for a recreation area and a youth shelter. After a brief discussion it was agreed that they would go away and think of an appropriate location and report back to the Parish Clerk. **Action: Youth**

County Councillor B Ingram confirmed that he would look into the situation regarding the current Bus Route within Grange Park – He agreed that he would write back to District Cllr O’Leary and a copy sent to the Parish Clerk for information only.

It was also agreed that Councillor Ingram would speak to NCC to see if they would be prepared to supply the salt for our bins in the event of severe weather conditions this year. **Action: B Ingram**

The Clerk was asked to send a proforma invoice to Cllr Ingram to obtain funding to purchase 2 non-illuminated Information boards for our parish. **Action: Clerk**

07/164 District Councillors Report

As District Councillor O’Leary was unable to attend this meeting the Chairman presented an e-mail received regarding his views on the current bus route within the Parish. It was agreed as mentioned above that the County Councillor B Ingram will look into the matter and report back in due course.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Safety Assessment on the bus stop located within Quintonside from the County Council. **Action: Clerk**

07/165 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Nobbs, R Gerrard and Jainu- Deen.

07/166 Declaration of Members Interest

None

The Council accepted a letter of resignation from Cllr Crowson and it was agreed that the Chairman would send a letter of thanks The Clerk was also asked to advertise a parish Councillor vacancy in the New Year.

Action: Clerk

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07/167 Minutes of the meeting of 1st November 2007

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

167.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

07/168 Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that he is liaising with Richmond Luxury Care Home Site manager regarding the landscaping /footpath issues and restoring the damaged areas back to their original condition.

It was also suggested that they need to do a litter pick where all the builders vehicles had been parked. The Chairman agreed that he would speak to them regarding these issues. **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that the skip which has been sited within Wake Way on public openspace is being used by sub contractors of Bellway Homes and will be removed today. The skip has caused problems as some residents have put domestic items along side the skip like microwaves, carpets etc. The Clerk was asked to look into the situation. **Action: Clerk**

The Parish Council expressed their disappointment and dissatisfaction with the amount of money that has been spent on the arts project within our parish and nothing actually resulting in completion or installation. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive at SNC expressing our views. **Action: Clerk**

07/169 Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the meeting that the date of the next parish council meeting will be on Monday 14th January 2008 at 7.30pm. The Clerk was asked to put this information on the website **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that quotes had been obtained from builders regarding the refurbishment of the Parish Office which will cost in the region of £25,000. It was agreed to delegate Cllrs Walker and Ramsay to make a decision on whom to appoint and agree availability. **Action: Cllrs Walker/Ramsay**

07/170 Finance

170.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

170.2 The Council agreed and approved that with effect from 1st April 2008 Grange Park Parish Council would like to maintain and control the income and expenditure associated with the S106 commuted sum which is currently being done by SNC. The Clerk was asked to liaise with members of the Working Group and speak to SNC. **Action: Clerk**

170.3 The Council received and noted the comments from the Internal Auditor dated 22nd November 2007.

07/171 Planning, Highways and Transportation

171.1 The Council considered the following planning applications:

Location:	41 The Ridings, Grange Park
Proposal:	Single Storey rear extension
Case Officer:	Alan Munn
Observations:	No comment

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- 171.1 The Council considered the following planning applications (Cont'd)
- Location: 37 Swift Close, Grange Park
 Proposal: Single storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side
 Case Officer: Peter Bateman
 Observations: We object to the over development of this site and the visual effect on the street scene.
- 171.2 The Council agreed to accept the grant from the County Council of £21.15 to pay us (GPPC) to undertake the mowing of our adopted highway grass mowing for 2008. The Clerk was asked to write to Atkins regarding this issue. **Action: Clerk**
- 171.3 The Council agreed to keep the salt bins until Cllr B Ingram has confirmed with the County Council if they were prepared to fund the delivery of salt to Grange Park **Action: Cllr B Ingram**
- 171.4 The Chairman is liaising with the Site Manager of Richmond Luxury Care Home regarding Landscaping, Litter and parking issues. Although most of the parking issues have been resolved as the Care Home is now operational and all contractors have left site. **Action: Chairman**

07/172 Administration and Staffing

- 172.1 The Council agreed to send Christmas Hampers to all staff and the editor of the newsletter the following costs were approved: Part Time Staff (£75.00), Relief staff (£50.00), Editor of the newsletter (£50.00). **Action: Clerk**

07/173 Recreation and Amenities

- 173.1 The Council agreed and approved to complete the grant request form for the Multi use Games End through the Money 4 youth initiative. The Clerk was asked to complete the relevant forms. **Action: Clerk**

07/174 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 174.1 The Council carried out the annual review of the tariff rates for the use of the community centre and agreed and approved to increase it by 3% in line with inflation. These rates will be effective from April 1st 2008. The Clerk was asked to send out a letter with the next dispatch of invoices. **Action: Clerk**
- 174.2 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that we have recently had a meeting with the Bowling Club to discuss their financial contributions towards the upkeep and maintenance of the green. It was agreed that they would contribute 25% of all cost for 2007/08. The Council also considered a request from the Bowls Club to contribute towards the installing of a storage shed. After a brief discussion it was agreed that they need to investigate external grant available to fund this project and then come back to us if there is a deficit. The Parish Council would also like to see them involve the community and encourage more residents from Grange Park to participate. **Action: Clerk**

07/175 Community Activities

- 175.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase and install Neighbourhood Watch signs around the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Cates would liaise with the committee and let GPPC know the cost and locations. **Action: Cllr Cates**

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- 175.2/ Cllr Cates reported that the youth would like to organise an event over the Christmas period and were
175.3 seeking a contribution from the Parish Council. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this event would be very limited in numbers. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would organise something in the new year perhaps to use the community centre and arrange a Valentines Day Disco. It was agreed that the events committee consisting of Cllrs Cates, Proudley, Stansfield and Foster would look into organising this event. **Action: Cllrs Cates, Proudley, Stansfield and Foster**

The events committee agreed to produce a yearly calendar of events. **Action: Cllrs Cates, Proudley, Stansfield and Foster**

07/176 Website and Newsletter

- 176.1 It was agreed that Grange Park Church should continue to distribute the newsletters at a cost of £200 per edition. The Clerk was asked to notify Grange Park Church of this decision. **Action: Clerk**
- 176.2 It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the printers (Ramprint) of the newsletter and investigate the cost of colour copies. **Action: Chairman**

07/177 Correspondence

- SNC _ Notification of Financial and Other Interest

07/178 Date of the Next Meeting

Please note change of date:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 14th January 2008.

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

