



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th December 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, N Wilson, T Jainu-Deen, C Nobbs

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

08/171 Public Questions

None

08/172 District Councillors Report

Cllr Jainu-Deen reported that SNC were working on their Budgets for 2009/10 and it was anticipated that there may be a 4.9% increase. He mentioned also that SNC were currently looking into adoption of the roads and flytipping issues within our parish. It was agreed that he would update the Council once a response had been received.

08/173 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ellington, G Proudley, S Cates.

It was noted that Cllr Foster has now moved house and that her resignation would be forthcoming.

08/174 Declaration of Members Interest

None received.

08/175 Minutes of the meeting of 6th November 2008

175.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 6th November 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

175.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

The Council agreed and approved that if the resident who damaged the railings at the Community Centre is not willing to pay for the damage then we would proceed with a claim at the small claims court.

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08/176

Chairman's Report

176.1 The Chairman reported that we had received a few enquiries from local residents regarding the amount of caravans that have appeared within the parish . It was agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting in January when members had time to consider. The Clerk was asked to look into enforcement issues .
Action: Clerk

The Chairman informed the Council that a meeting had taken place with Contract 4 on Thursday 2008 which had been very informative . Minutes and actions can be viewed in the file

Action: Clerk

176.2 Cllr Wilson agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council the official opening of the Campanile Hotel at Grange Park on the 18th December 2009.

08/177

Clerk's Report

177.1 Nothing to report

08/178

Finance

178.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2. The Clerk reported that she had looked at CPC and it proved to be much less per item than we are currently paying. It was therefore agreed that we would look at this company when next purchasing electrical equipment for the Community Centre.

Action: Clerk

178.2 The Council agreed in principle the Budget for 2009/10. It was agreed that once the Tax base (amount of dwellings) has been received, then our budget will change accordingly. The final budget will be approved at the January meeting in order for us to submit our precept to South Northamptonshire District Council.

Action: Clerk

178.3 The Council approved the purchase of some portable noticeboards approx £400 for the advertising of community events

08/179

Planning, Highways and Transportation

The following applications were considered:

Approval:

S/2008/1414/A

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: Internally illuminated signs

Observations: No comment

S/2008/1413/A

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: Illuminated fascia signs

Observations: No comment

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S/2008/1518/P

Location: Land to the side of 40 Deer Close, Grange Park
Proposal: Demolish existing boundary wall and replace with 6ft fence around all of the residential cartilage owned
Observations: The Clerk was asked to obtain a land registry details outlining boundary details.

179.2 Decisions
The following decisions were received:

Decisions

Approval:

S/2008/1056/P

Location: 56 Quintonside, Grange Park

Proposal: New Dwelling

S/2008/1414/A

Location: Campanille Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: internally illuminated totem signs

S/2008/1413/A

Location: Campanille Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: Fascia Signs

S/2008/1398/P

Location: Campanille Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: Extension to bin store to provide air handling plant enclosure (retrospective)

S/2008/1373/A

Location: Campanille Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: Flagpost sign

08/180 Administration and Staffing

180.1 All staffing issues were discussed under item 08/185.

08/181 Recreation and Amenities

181.1 Cllr Smith reported that Foxfields Pavilion and Car park are scheduled to commence work on the 5th January 2009 with a completion date of late June (weather permitting). It was noted that the builders anticipate within the first 5 weeks that the footings will be in. As mentioned in previous minutes the drainage scheme will commence when the weather improves.

The Council considered a performance bond in the event that Inspire did not complete the job as per specification. The cost of the bond would be £11,000. The Council decided that due to the contractors being paid in arrears and a non –buoyant market that the risk would be low and therefore decided not to precede with a bond.

It was also agreed that we would not proceed with any works on the paths at Foxfields Country Park until the new drainage system had been installed.

181.2 It was noted that our application for Grant aid from SNC for the build of Foxfields pavilion and associated works has been agreed in principle upto the value of £20,000. It was noted that there is currently no money available this financial year and that we need to re-apply in the next Financial year (April 09).

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08/182 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

182.1 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that the cooker had arrived and was being stored in the changing room until installation over the Christmas period. It was agreed that whilst the cooker was being installed we would also change the worktops as they are in poor condition.

08/183 Community Activities

183.1 Cllr Nobbs reported that notes and actions had been circulated to all Councillors regarding the Firework Event and a provisional date had been agreed for next year of Saturday November 7th 2009. **Action: All members**

183.2 It was noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is on the 9th December at the Community Centre. **Action: All members**

183.3 It was noted that a blood transfusion van may be coming to Grange Park in January 2009. Cllr Cates will advise on time and date. **Action: Cllr Cates**

183.4 The Parish Council agreed to fully support the police in their operation to display pictures of vehicles who are parked in a hazardous, dangerous or unsafe position outside the Primary school and Community Centre.

183.5 It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise a ‘ Best Christmas Lights Competition ’ this year. The Council agreed that it would be nice to invite some of the residents from Richmond Care Home to be the judges. The Judging will take place on Thursday 18th December and Prizes given out on Friday 19th December. The prizes have been donated by Frosts, Wyvale, Budgens and Richmond Care Home. **Action: Cllr Nobbs/Clerk**

08/184 Website and Newsletter

184.1 The Clerk reported that 2 quotes had been received for the distribution of leaflets within Grange Park costing £250-£300 from Commercial Companies. It was therefore agreed due to the cost that we would stay with our existing distributor K R Distributions.

184.2 No other website/Newsletter issues were discussed

08/185 Exclusion of Press and Public

Due to the confidential nature and business about to be transacted the minutes of this item will only be attached to the original minutes .

08/186 Correspondence

- **SNC – Dog Controls Orders – Noted**
- **NALC Update – Noted**

08/187 Date of the Next Meeting

187.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 8th January 2009.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.30pm

