



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, C Rees, G Proudley, D Ramsay, J Foster, T Jainu-Deen, C Nobbs.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Donna Bowater (Northampton Chronicle & Echo) and District Councillor O'Leary

08/17 Public Questions

None

08/18 District Councillors Report

It was noted that on the 14th January 2008 Frontiers gave a presentation to SNC on the proposed development located at Grange Park (Old Ikea Site). It was noted that both District Councillors were unable to attend.

08/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs R Gerrard and S Cates

08/20 Declaration of Members Interest

None

08/21 Minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2008

21.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 14th January 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .

21.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

08/22 Chairman's Report

On 5th February there was a follow up meeting with Bellways Homes (Northern), Quartet Design ,Munro Whitten & SNC to ascertain what progress had been made in preparation for handover. Various shortcomings were identified and a further meeting was arranged for end February. It was agreed that Bellways and Quartet would negotiate a price where necessary and Frosts would be asked to complete the snagging. The other developers are being contacted for the same purpose.

A meeting with Prologis is to be arranged shortly to achieve the same end. Prologis will be asked to notify the Retirement Village developer of their obligation to re instate the green areas and the path that they have damaged.

Next week Lead Councillor Amanda Stansfield and I will be attending a meeting with SNC Animal Welfare Officer with regard to dog mess/ litter and what can be done to improve the situation. More strategically placed dog – litter bins and powers of enforcement will be discussed.

The Chairman of SNC has invited Grange Park Parish Council to have a table at his Civic Dinner on the 11th April at Whittelbury Hall. Please contact the Clerk if willing to attend. If approved I intend to attend as I did last year. (Approved and agreed).

08/23 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

08/24 Finance

- 24.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 24.2 The Council agreed and approved to increase the grant for the Youth Club for this year to £500 in total. The Clerk was therefore asked to send the cheque with a covering letter explaining that the Council had made an exception this year due to the decrease in numbers of the Youth Club but hopefully a recruitment drive would encourage this issue. **Action: Clerk**
- 24.3 The Clerk tabled the September accounts and incorporated suggestion by the internal auditor. The Council approved and agreed the amendments.
- 24.4 The Council approved and agreed to appoint BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as our external auditor for a five year period commencing with the 2007/08 accounts.

08/25 Planning, Highways and Transportation

25.1 Notification of Withdrawn application

S/2007/1565/P

- Location: Budes, Grange Park, Saxon Avenue
- Proposal: Sub division of existing food retail shop to form smaller food retail store and a new class A1 unit
- Observations: For information only

Notification of Withdrawn application

S/2007/1568/P

- Location: 59 Quintonside, Grange Park
- Proposal: Proposed double garage & conversion of existing garage to habitable room
- Case Officer: Addis Lee
- Observations: For information only

S/2008/0079/P

- Location: 15 The Rookery, Grange Park
- Proposal: Two storey rear extension and attic dormer windows to the front and rear
- Case Officer: Alan Munn
- Observations: We object to the above proposal as we feel that it is overdeveloping the site and is not in keeping with the existing street scene.

- 25.2 The Chairman updated the meeting on the current situation regarding the proposed Frontier Development and informed them that our letter of objection had been submitted to WNDC by the deadline of the 1st February 2008. This letter has also been put on the website and will be delivered in this month's edition of the newsletter. It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify with SNC the planning process with regards to this application bearing in mind that the decision will be made by WNDC. **Action: Clerk**
- 25.3 After a brief discussion the Parish Council decided to submit the following names to SNC for consideration: Tippers Lane, Quarry Road, Gravel Close or Sandy Lane. The Clerk was asked to submit these suggestions to SNC as requested. **Action: Clerk**

08/26 Administration and Staffing

26.1 Nothing to report

26.2 It was agreed to defer this discussion to recruit an EMO (Environmental/Maintenance Officer) until more information had been obtained in relation to job description, financial implications etc. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for April
Action: Clerk

08/27 Recreation and Amenities

27.1 Nothing to report

27.2 The Chairman reported that following our consultant's recommendation Peter O'Dell, Groundwork Contractors Ltd has been appointed to repair the footpaths at Foxfields County Park to Option B standard. This work will commence when the weather improves.

27.3 The Clerk was asked to speak to the Environmental Agency regarding the possibility of installing a Multi Use Games Area by Budgens.
Action: Clerk

08/28 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

28.1 Nothing to report

28.2 The Council approved and agreed that point 6 on our terms and conditions regarding the selling of tickets be amended. The Clerk was asked to implement this change.
Action: Clerk

28.3 It was agreed to monitor the situation with regards to the purchase of a pram coverage area outside the Community Centre.

08/29 Community Activities

29.1 Nothing to report

08/30 Website and Newsletter

30.1 The Chairman made a plea to all Lead Councillors suggesting that it would be nice if they all wrote individual articles for the newsletter. It was agreed that in the future we may look at decreasing the number of issues being circulated throughout the year.

It was also suggested that we should encourage members of the public to put in articles on issues relating to the parish. It was agreed to pass this issue to those councillors involved in Communication.

Action: Cllrs Foster, Stansfield, Proudley

30.2 Cllrs Stansfield, Foster and Proudley suggested the following communication options:

- Electronic Signs – Cllr Proudley will look into this and report back at the next meeting
- Corporate Text Messages
- News Bulletins – Major issues
- Flyers

It was agreed that they would write an article and put it on the website requesting opinions and suggestion from local residents.
Action: Cllrs Stansfield, Foster and Proudley

08/31 Correspondence

- Communities and Local Government - Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members in England – Part 10 - Noted

08/32 Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 6th March 2008.

Agenda items for the next meeting:
Events Committee Report

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.10pm.

