

**GRANGE PARK PARISH
COUNCIL**
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Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5FZ

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Dawson (Vc.) S Ash, D Harris, A Walker, M Aluko, K Clarke, W Shakespeare, S Allen, C Fry and J Davis,

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

15/17 Public Questions

No questions received.

Cllr D Harris left the meeting

15/18 County/District Councillors Report

18.1 County Councillor Michael Clarke reported on the following :

- Update on Superfast Broadband – latest newsletters can be viewed via the link:
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/economic/Pages/superfast-broadband.aspx>
- The ten household waste recycling centres in Northamptonshire which allow the public to bring waste materials to be recycled or disposed of have changed their opening hours and some of the sites are closed on selected week days. All details can be viewed via the link:
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/waste/Pages/Household-Waste-Recycling-Centres.aspx>

18.2 District Councillor Simon Clifford reported on the following:

- Relocation of South Northants Offices to Moat Lane
- Tourism map has been included on South Northants website.
- Neighbourhood watch scheme has been re-launched and the first meeting took place on 27th January 2015. It was agreed that Cllr Clifford would write a report for the next edition of the newsletter.

Action: Cllr S Clifford

18.3 It was noted that the Voluntary Car Scheme would be advertising to appoint drivers from Grange Park

18.4 A update on superfast broadband was given under 18.1 of these minutes.

15/19 Apologies for Absence

19.1 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr N Stansfield .

15/20 Declaration of Members Interest

20.1 No declarations received.

20.2 The Parish Councillors signed the Electronic Service of Summons Consent Form

15/21 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 8th January 2015

- 21.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 8th January 2015 and signed them as a true record after a typing error had been amended .
- 21.2 No matters were arising

15/22 Chairman's Report

- 22.1 All items covered in the agenda.
- 22.2 It was noted that the draft Football Development Plan has been sent to the FA for consideration and comments. A meeting is scheduled with GPR , FA Representative, R&G consultant and Councillors from the Grange Park Parish Council to discuss future maintenance of the football pitches . This meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd February 2015 at Foxfield Pavilion.

15/23 Parish Clerk's Report

- 23.1 The Parish Clerk reported on the following :
- Reminded the Council that the Parish Councillors are due for elections this year and the process to followed.
- 23.2 It was noted that the Parish Clerk attended a briefing session on the new 'Local Council Award Scheme'. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would defer the decision to after the elections in May. The Parish Clerk was asked to put it on the June agenda for consideration. **Action: Parish Clerk**

15/24 Finance

- 24.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for January 2015. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).
- 24.2 It was noted that confirmation has been received from SNC in relation to our precept request of £130,314.50.
- 24.3 It was noted that we are still awaiting a decision from South Northants Council as to whether our S106 grant bid has been approved.
- 24.4 The internal audit has been cancelled and rescheduled for the 11th February 2015. The report will be tabled at the next Parish Council meeting in March.
- 24.5 The Parish Clerk was asked to circulate the Asset Register for information. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 24.6 It was noted that the Chairman of the Council had signed the accounts as a true record up until the end of December 2015. All Council members are more than welcome to view at any time.
- 24.7 A statement of our S106 accounts from SNC had been circulated to all council members prior to the meeting

15/25 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 25.1 The following planning applications were received:

S/2015/0016/FUL

Location: 5 Kings Close, Grange Park

Proposal: Conversion to one half of a double garage into a habitable room

Case Officer : Ben Farrant

Observations: No Comment

S/2014/2513/MAF

Location: Land at Grange Park, Zone C Saxon Avenue, Grange Park

Proposal: Erection of two class B8 use distribution warehouses including ancillary Class B1(a) offices, service yards, gatehouse, car parking, landscaping, removal and works to trees protected by a TPO, lighting , drainage plant and works, access improvements and vehicular circulation

Case Officer: Daniel Callis
Observations: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application but would like to express the following concerns:

- To make sure that there is sufficient landscaping opposite budgens and along Saxon Avenue in order to make the buildings less prominent and reducing the sound and visual impact to the residents living within close proximity to the site .

It was noted that Cllr J Davis objected to the comments made above and Cllr W Shakespeare abstained from the vote

S/2014/2468/EIA

Location: Land west of M1 Junction 15 and west of the A508, south of Collingtree
Proposal: 248,200sqm of employment (B1 & B8) development to accommodate a new Howdens 'campus' facility, with off-site highways improvements , landscaping and earthworks. (application accompanied by the Environmental Statement)

Case Officer: Suzanne Taylor

Observations: The Parish Council in principle has no objections to the proposal but would like to express the following concerns :

- Air Quality - the Council has shown concern regarding the effect of another warehouse on air quality in the area. Local authorities are required by Government to meet Government guidelines for levels of nitrogen dioxide. These levels in Grange Park have been exceeded a number of times in the last year according to NC's 2014 Air Quality Progress Report
- Traffic congestion – we agree with the proposed improvements to Junction 15 but feel that with the volume of traffic using this junction that it will not flow at peak times or in the event of a road accident on the M1.
- We would also request that a community Infrastructure levy be enforced or S106 contribution so that the monies raised can be used to support the Council, local community and neighborhood's needs.

The above comments were made and it was noted that Cllrs A Walker, W Shakespeare and Claire Fry abstained from the vote

S/2015/0156/FUL

Location: 18 Wake Way, Grange Park
Proposal: Two storey part single rear extension with terrace over, two storey front extension, single storey front porch extension with terrace over and raising garage roof to form accommodation within roofspace.

Observations: No comment

It was also noted that the information in relation to the 51 houses to be built by David Wilson Homes within the parish of Wootton but on the boundary of our parish at Wootton Brook Country Park are going to be displayed in the cafe/bar area at the community centre.

25.2 No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.

15/26 Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

26.1 Cllr S Dawson reported that we are still awaiting a site visit from NCC estates surveyor to approve the installation of the muga matting. Once this has been done the invoice will be paid accordingly.

26.2 It was noted that the Terms and conditions for the 10year maintenance agreement of the Muga has been sent to the school for signature.

26.3 Cllr Fry updated the Council on the recent activities within the Youth Group. She expressed her disappointment at the lack of recruitment, advertising etc with the proposed planned activities from Jan until April 2015. After a brief discussion it was agreed and approved that the Parish Council would terminate the current contract with Youth Inspired with immediate effect. The Parish Clerk was asked in conjunction with Cllr Fry to write/email an appropriate letter. **Action: Parish Clerk/Cllr Fry**

- 26.4 The Parish Clerk reported that Regiment Fitness are no longer using the grass areas within Foxfields Country Park.
- 26.5 The Parish Council considered a donation from Grange Park Rangers for the football season 2014/2015 based on the number of games scheduled. The Parish Council agreed to accept the donation of £1999.00 and also the proposal that as a club they would like to undertake some basic maintenance of the pitches at their cost. The Parish Council agreed to this and it was noted that some of the coaches will attend a football pitch groundsman maintenance course ran by the Football Foundation on Tuesday 10th February 2015.
- 26.6 Cllr W Shakespeare updated the council on the following scheduled events:
- Cheese /Wine evening on 21st February . This event will be sponsored by Waitrose.
 - Spring Food & Drink Fest at the Community Centre on 28th March, Adult entrance fee at £1.00 £20 per hour hire charge.
 - Carmela's Italian Cooking Workshop on the 23rd May
 - An advertisement will be posted on our social media website of further events during the year.

15/27

Administration & Staffing

- 27.1 No staffing issues were discussed.
- 27.2 It was noted that 20 + applicants has been received for the post of Weekend Caretaker/ Keyholder/Cleaner . Closing date is at the end of February 2015.

15/28

Environment

- 28.1 All issues on the contract 5 log sheets are being reviewed and monitored regularly.

Clarification was sought to the issues raised at Wren Close and the Council members requested some photos. This will be tabled at the next meeting in March.

- 28.2 The Parish Clerk reported that the new Wickstead play equipment has been installed adjacent to Woodland View Primary school and has proven to be very popular. A representative from Wickstead has done a site visit and made the following observation:

I have been asked to call in and just inspect the recently laid wet pour which I have done today and cannot find anything wrong ,the reason some areas feel softer than others is that certain areas need thicker fall heights. I am led to believe the site had independent inspection and the wet pour got a clean bill of health and obviously are guarantees are in place should anything happen.

- 28.3 The Parish Council considered a request from a local resident about the siting of a new dog bin at the entrance gate area of Wootton Brook Country Park. It was agreed that we would relocate one that is not used very much. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to AH Contracts and organise this request.

Action: Parish Clerk

- 28.4 The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to our Landscape Consultant and request a quote for some additional planting, paving at the main entrance to the café/bar area.

Action: Parish Clerk

15/29

Communication

- 29.1 It was noted that the deadline for articles for the next edition of the newsletter is 20th February 2015. Circulation to residents should be week commencing 2nd March 2015. The Parish Council will be placing the following within the newsletter:

- Forthcoming Social Events
- Advert for weekend caretaker
- Café/Bar hire details

- 29.2 A poster outlining some of the events for 2015 were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for consideration. Cllr Davies was asked if he could book the band 'Fascination' as per last years recommendations. The event will be from 2-7pm. More details will follow on our website: www.grangeparkpc.org or our facebook page.

- 29.3 It was agreed that Cllr Simon Clifford will put something in the next edition of the newsletter about Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

15/30 Correspondence

- 30.1 No correspondence received.

15/31 Administration & Service Request

- 31.1 Cllr Claire Fry informed the meeting that she will standing down as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect due to work commitments. It was noted that Claire still wishes to be involved in community events. The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work, commitment and loyalty that she has given the Council over the last 8 years.

15/32 Date of the Next Meeting

- 32.1 The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5th March 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm .