



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith S Cates, G Proudley, D Ramsay, T Janu-Deen

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

07/01 Public Questions

None

07/02 District Councillors Report – Sally Townsend, Tharik Janu-Deen

Cllr Janu-Deen reported that a letter had been sent to the Education Department regarding some of the children living within the parish not being able to attend the local primary school. A reply is outstanding.

Action: Cllr Janu-Deen

Cllr Townsend informed the meeting of the sewage overflow which happened over the New Year in Grange Park. Cllr Townsend reported that she will be obtaining a report for the Environmental Officer at SNC which will be discussed at the meeting on the 25th January 2007. Cllr Townsend will report the outcome at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Townsend

It was noted that the meeting of the Mid Northamptonshire Parishes will be held on Thursday 18th January 2007 at Bugbrooke. All members are welcome to attend.

Cllr Townsend informed the meeting that she is concerned that the building of the Care Home is not compiling with the planning consent granted. It was agreed that she would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Townsend

District Councillor S Townsend left the meeting at 8.15pm

07/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Nobbs, Cllr Jellis, Cllr Crowson, Cllr Ainsworth, Cllr Gerrard and Cllr Batchelor

07/04 Declaration of Members Interest & Apologies for Absence

None

07/05 Minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2006

5.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 5th December 2006 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

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- 5.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

Item 06/73.1 and 06/96.10 regarding the reimbursement of our costs in relation to the broken window in the main hall. The Council agreed that we should write to the Culprit's parents accepting their offer of £100 (our policy excess) and make a claim on our insurance policy for the remainder of the expense. The Clerk was asked to complete the relevant forms. **Action: Clerk**

07/06 Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out the following report:

First a belated Happy New Year

In the next couple of weeks, myself, Vice-Chair and the Clerk will be attending several meetings with SNC and Grange Park developers to discuss issues relating to the handover of land within our parish.

07/07 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

07/08 Finance

- 8.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 8.2 It was agreed that despite intensive investigation by the office staff who were unable to trace any relevant paperwork. The total amount of debt is £910 should be written off. The Clerk was asked to do the relevant paperwork. **Action: Clerk**
- 8.3 The Council agreed the budget which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Although it was decided that if any changes were required as a result of the meeting on the 25th January the following issues would need to be resolved:
- Change Budget and Precept figures accordingly
 - Seek an extension from SNC to submit our precept figures.
 - Seek Council approval of these amendments at the next Full Council meeting on 1st February 2007.

The Clerk was asked to e-mail all Councillors the outcome of the meeting held on the 25th January 2007
Action: Clerk

- 8.4 The Council agreed the precept figure as detailed subject to any changes outlined above.
Action: Clerk
- 8.5 Cllr Walker informed the meeting that the Interim Auditors report had been received. Cllr Walker assured the meeting that 3 items had been identified and that these issues were currently being dealt with by the Clerk and monitored by the Working Group. The items were as follows:
Contracts – To obtain and consider Best Value
Insurance – to increase the fidelity insurance from £2,000 to £10,000
Council Meetings – Considering business in private.
- Copies of the report can be obtained from the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

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07/09

Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 9.1 S/206/1454/W
Location: Zone F Land off Saxon Avenue, Grange Park
Proposal: Erection of three buildings for use within class B1, B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) with associated road, access, parking servicing and landscaping.
Case Officer: Michael Warren
Observations: No comment

- 9.2 The Council noted the following decisions:

Permission Agreed

15 Foxfield Way, Grange Park
Single Storey rear extension

15 Littlefield, Grange Park
Conversion of garage to habitable room

6 Poachers Close, Grange Park
A single storey extension at rear

Permission Refused.

35 Deer Close, Grange Park
Repositioning of Garden Fence

- 9.3 Cllr Cates expressed his concerns about the number of residents who speed through the Parish. The Council agreed that we should write something in the next edition of the newsletter advising motorists of the 20mph signs which have been installed around the parish.

The Clerk was also asked to look into the cost of activated signs or if any grants were available.

Action: Clerk

07/10

Administration and Staffing

- 10.1 The Council agreed that all Full Council meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of the month and will revert back to the old time of 7.30pm. Therefore the next meeting will be on Thursday 1st February 2007 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to advertise these changes on the website.

Action: Clerk

07/11

Recreation and Amenities

- 11.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that we are currently waiting on some dates to visit Great Houghton to see their sporting facilities. The Clerk was asked to liaise with all Councillors on the dates when received by e-mail.

Action: Clerk

- 11.2 The Council agreed to defer the matter relating to the youth shelter until further consideration is given to its location.

Action: Clerk

- 11.3 It was agreed to defer the consideration of the Draft Service Level Agreement to the next meeting in February. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

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07/12 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 12.1 On the 1st October 2006, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) comes into force. The Clerk in liaison with the Lead Councillor has completed a Fire Risk Assessment which the Council approved. This assessment will be reviewed annually.

07/13 Community Activities

- 13.1 It was agreed that the Social Events Group proposal will be deferred until next meeting in February. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

07/14 Website and Newsletter

- 14.1 It was noted that the December issue of the newsletter had now been distributed to all residents within the Parish. The deadline for articles and advertisers is 18th January 2007. **Action: All members**

07/15 Correspondence

- NCC – Youth Small Grants (Revenue) Programme 2007-08 – Noted – A copy was given to the Youth Leader
- Mid Northamptonshire Parishes – Agenda – Copy given to Cllr Walker
- Police – Neighbourhood Beat - Copy given to Cllr Cates
- Draft East Midlands Regional Plan – original given to Cllr Proudley

07/16 Date of the Next Meeting

- 16.1 Thursday 1st February 2007 @ 7.30pm

Please note the above meeting date has changed.

- 16.2 Agenda items for the next meeting

- Formation of Social Events Group
- Dates to visit Great Houghton to view their sporting facilities.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm.