



## GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

#### 08/01 Public Questions

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained the procedure regarding the allocation of time for public participation

Lead Cllr Rees for Planning and Transportation read out a statement prepared by the Parish Council detailing their current situation on the Frontier's Planning application. (Copy enclosed)

Around 150 residents joined the meeting to discuss the Frontier Planning application who were strongly objecting to the proposal. The main issue being that Grange Park's infrastructure is already inadequate to accommodate the existing dwellings let alone proposing 450 more dwellings which will be even more pressure on the existing infrastructure. e.g. education, health services, sewage, traffic generation.

A local resident read out a letter with supporting evidence which focused on the level of feeling from some of Grange Park residents. It was agreed that they would set up an Action Group who would send comments/organise a petition and delegate two members to speak at a Development Control Meeting when WNDC will determine the application. To contact the action group, please e-mail [gpresidents@virtualsealesteam.co.uk](mailto:gpresidents@virtualsealesteam.co.uk)

It was also suggested that communication needs to be improved between the Community and the Parish Council. This issue was discussed later in the meeting.

The residents also requested any feedback from WNDC when they met with Frontiers on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The Clerk was asked to obtain this information. **Action: Clerk**

#### 08/02 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Jainu-Deen was asked about the meeting that all District Councillors were invited to attend regarding the Planning application submitted to the District for the proposed development at the Frontiers Site on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. District Cllr Jainu-Deen reported that both District Councillors were unable to attend and therefore had nothing to report. The Parish Council asked them if they could find out and report back at the next meeting.

**Action: District Councillors**

#### 08/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Nobbs.

#### 08/04 Declaration of Members Interest

None

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**08/05 Minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

- 05.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .
- 05.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

**08/06 Chairman's Report**

Residents have been complaining about uncollected Dog Mess on the Cycle/Walk Ways and in Foxfields Country Park. The law requires Dog owners to pick up their dogs mess and to either take it home for their domestic dustbin or dispose of it in an appropriate collection bin. There are 6 bins on Foxfields and 5 positioned in other parts of Grange Park. The Council will be positioning more bins at strategic points once the land is transferred into their ownership. The P.C. wishes to avoid incurring the cost of employing a Dog Warden who would have the authority to impose fines.

Bottles are being broken and stamped into the surface of both the Cycle/Walk Ways this is an extremely dangerous practice. If a child was to slip and fall on these pieces severe injuries would result. A person has already cut their foot whilst walking on a path which necessitated a hospital visit. It is recommended anybody witnessing such behaviour report it immediately to the Police.

Litter has become very obvious now there are no leaves on the trees and is an unsightly mess. The clearing effort organized by the Church on Saturday is much appreciated. As is the efforts made by various people who when walking their dogs can be observed carrying plastic bags full of litter. Again the P.C. can employ litter wardens who would not only clear litter but also issue fines where appropriate.

Other matters will be covered by the Agenda.

**08/07 Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report

**08/08 Finance**

- 08.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 08.2 The Council agreed and approved the precept figure for 2008/09. The Clerk was asked forward this information to SNC by the end of the January.
- 08.3 The Council agreed the additional cost of (£4,045) associated with the extension of the Parish Office. The additional work that was involved was due to suggestions made by our building inspector in order for building regulations to be approved.

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## Planning, Highways and Transportation

09.01 The Council considered the following planning applications:

07/0333/OUTWNS

Location: Land North off Saxon Avenue, Grange Park

Proposal: Outline Planning Permission for the development of up to 450 residential units (Class C3), up to 10,500 sqm of office space (Class B1A) and a 150 bed hotel (Class C1) and associated access, parking, open space and Landscaping with all matters reserved

Case Officer: Matthew Berry

Observations: It was agreed to delegate Cllrs Proudley/Rees to formulate our objection based on the following points:

- Change of use
- Inadequate infrastructure – education, dentist etc
- Transportation
- Street Scene
- Original Plan for Grange Park
- Action Group – Residents views

The Clerk was asked to seek an extension for our comments to be submitted until the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008. It was also agreed that once our response had been formulated a copy will be inserted in this month's newsletter and also put on our website.

**Action: Clerk**

S/2007/1565/P

Location: Budgens, Grange Park, Saxon Avenue

Proposal: Sub division of existing food retail shop to form a smaller food retail store and a new class A1 unit

Case Officer: Peter Bateman

Observations: We object to this proposal as we support the existing use and feel no need for an additional retail store

S/2007/1510/P

Location: 23 Badger Lane, Grange Park

Proposal: Conversion of part of garage into living accommodation (retrospective)

Case Officer: Alan Munn

Observations: No comment

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: No comment

S/2007/1546/P

Location: 48 Woodlands, Grange Park

Proposal: Proposed conversion of single integral garage to habitable accommodation

Case Officer: Addis Lee

Observations: No comment

S/2007/1521/P

Location: 81 Woodlands, Grange Park

Proposal: Conversion of garage to living accommodation. Single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Alan Munn

Observations: No comment

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S/2007/1524/P

Location: Foxfield Country Park, Grange Park  
Proposal: New Clubhouse  
Case Officer: Andrew Longbottom  
Observations: We fully support this application as we feel it will bring great benefit to the community

S/2007/1680/P

Location: Grange Park Community Centre, School Lane  
Proposal: New store building and pitch roof to enclose existing open store.  
Case Officer: David Eastham  
Observations: We support this application as it will create more storage space for users of the Community Centre.

09.2 To receive for information only any planning decisions:

41 The Ridings, Grange Park  
Single Storey rear extension

## **08/10 Administration and Staffing**

10.1 Nothing to report

## **08/11 Recreation and Amenities**

11.1 Cllr Smith reported that a petition had been received from Lark Lane residents objecting to the developing of the land at the end of Lark Lane for a MUGA facility. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider alternative arrangements.

Cllr Smith updated the meeting that Foxfields Pavilion planning application has now been submitted and we have been asked for our comments as listed above in 09.1. The Football foundation bid was also submitted before Christmas and we await a decision.

Cllr Walker informed the meeting that prices and names of contractors had been obtained from our consultant regarding the works that are needed for the paths at Foxfield Country Park – There were 3 options:

Option 1 - Temporary repair (as per last year)	Price £10,500 - £17,000
Option 2 - Rebuild tar spray & chip finish (badly damaged areas only)	Price £22,000 - £25,000
Option 3 - Complete rebuild tar spray & chip	Price £76,000 -£110,000

The Council agreed to delegate Cllrs Walker/Smith to seek our consultant's opinion and proceed with Option 2 and appoint a recommended contractor - It was agreed to report back any decisions at the next Parish council meeting in February.  
**Action: Clerk**

## **08/12 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

12.1 Nothing to report

12.2 The Council agreed to obtain further information on a pram coverage facility and seek the views of the users. Cllr Ramsay and the Clerk will obtain this information and report back at the next meeting.

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**08/13            Community Activities**

Cllr Cates reported that he is going to have a meeting with Laurie Berruto, SNC regarding starting a youth council within Grange Park

Cllr Cates also sought approval from the Council if they could put up some pictures from local schools. The Council supported this request and asked Cllr Cates to liaise with the Parish Office regarding location.

**08/14            Website and Newsletter**

The Chairman informed all members that any articles for the Newsletter need to be given to the Editor by the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The Clerk was also asked to put our statement regarding the Frontier's development on the website. **Action: Clerk**

The Parish Council noted the comments received by the residents regarding the lack of communication. It was therefore agreed that Cllrs G Proudley, A Stansfield and J Foster would look at the issues and come back to council with some recommendations. **Action: Cllr G Proudley, A Stansfield and J Foster**

**08/15            Correspondence**

- SNC – Invite to Stakeholders Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 – Noted

**0816            Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.50pm.

