

# GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, D Ramsay, M Aluko, S Cates, C Fry and N Stansfield, M Stansfield, C Nobbs, T Janiu-Deen, N Wilson and C Nobbs.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

### 10/01 Public Questions

- 01.1 A large number of the general public joined the meeting to discuss the proposed changes to Grange Park secondary school catchment area. Cllr Ramsay informed the residents that the Parish Council are trying to arrange a public meeting and will invite the Local Education Authority to give a presentation on the consultation document. The provisional date for this meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January but confirmation is still awaited from the LEA, once received the Parish Council will ensure that leaflets are produced and circulated to all residents within the Parish.

It was suggested that if any the residents would like to discuss the issue further then Paul Denton (Chairman of the Residents Action Group) will be available in the main hall for the next hour. All members of the public left the Parish Council Meeting.

### 10/02 County/District Councillors Report

- 02.1 District Councillor T Janiu-Deen informed the meeting that the District Council are still discussing and preparing their budget for 2010/11. It was also noted that South Northamptonshire District Council are considering moving office premises from Springfields to the new proposed Towcester development.

*Cllr Nobbs joined the meeting*

### 10/03 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Nobbs apologised to the Clerk in advance that he may arrive late to the meeting due to work commitments. Apologies were accepted and approved

### 10/04 Declaration of Members Interest

None

### 10/05 Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

- 05.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .
- 05.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

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## Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009

- 05.3 The Council approved and adopted the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December and the Chairman of the meeting (Cllr Ramsay) signed them as a correct record.
- 05.4 The only matter arising was to confirm the date of the Public Meeting with the Local Education Authority. **Action: Clerk**

### 10/06 Chairman's Report

- 06.1 The Chairman wished all members of the Council and staff a Happy New Year.

The Council discussed using the salt bins which we have at the Community Centre and putting them out for local residents to use (at their own risk) the salt which we will provide during these adverse weather conditions. Paul Mason volunteered to look into the situation and see if we can obtain/purchase any salt within the next couple of days. **Action: Paul Mason**

The Chairman also informed the Council that he would be inviting members of the Council to a working group meeting to formulate a 'wish list' to be submitted to WNDC regarding project/schemes which may need funding from the S106 allocated funds from the proposed development site at Land at Saxon Avenue, Grange Park. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**

- 06.2 The Parish Council considered and discussed the proposed business structure as per the attachment to the agenda. The Council decided to opt for Plan B which would mean formulating an association/management company. The Clerk was asked to speak to ACRE to see if they can lead us through the process and advise. It was also agreed that once information had been received then the Parish Council would call a meeting of some of the users to discuss. The Parish Council delegated Cllr Smith to organise. **Action: Clerk**

### 10/07 Clerk's Report

- 07.1 Nothing to report

### 10/08 Finance

- 08.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 08.2 The Council approved the monthly committed expenditure relating to Contract 4 (maintenance and upkeep of all the open spaces within the parish)
- 08.3 No Finance report regarding the build at the Country Park due to the builder's annual leave over the festive season.
- 08.4 The Parish Council approved and agreed the proposed budget for 2010/11 and the precept figure of £130,419.00 to be submitted to South Northamptonshire District Council by the end of January 2010.

### 10/09 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 09.1 The following applications were considered:

S/2009/1195/FUL

Location: 9 Wren Close, Grange Park  
Proposal: Two Storey rear extension  
Case Officer: Daniel Callis  
Observations: No comment

S/2009/1256/FUL

Location: 18 Old Close, Grange Park  
Proposal: Garage Conversion  
Case Officer: David Read  
Observations: No comment

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S/2009/1181/FUL

Location: 16 Lodge Close, Grange Park  
Proposal: Convert part of garage to utility room  
Case Officer: David Read  
Observations: No comment

S/2009/1173/FUL

Location: 20 Quintonside, Grange Park  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension and conversion of roof space to habitable room  
Case Officer: David Read  
Observations: No comment

09.2 No further planning applications or decision notices were received.

09.3 The Council agreed to pursue the planning issues relating to a temporary structure being installed on the Community Land adjacent to the car park at Brook View. The Clerk was asked speak to the LEA regarding their portacabin's and obtain quotes from external companies **Action: Clerk**

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

10.1 Nothing to report

## **10/11 Recreation and Amenities**

11.1 Nothing to report in relation to the pavilion build at Foxfield Country Park due to the builders taking annual leave over the festive season.

The Parish Council agreed that Grange Park Cricket Club can use the artificial wicket from April 2010.

11.2 Cllr Walker informed the meeting that J Harpers are planning to start the thinning of the pioneers around the Parish week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (weather permitting). The Parish Clerk was asked to report the vandalism which has occurred on the reed lights at the District Centre to South Northamptonshire District Council. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was also asked to contact Bellway Homes regarding the land transfer of Lark Lane for the proposed use of allotments. **Action: Clerk**

## **10/12 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

12.1 Nothing to report

## **10/13 Community Activities**

13.1 Cllr Cates informed the meeting that an arts update will be put on the website.

## **10/14 Website and Newsletter**

14.1 Cllr Fry updated the Council on the newsletter and informed them that the deadline for articles is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

It was also noted that leaflets would be distributed over the weekend (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Jan) informing residents of the public meeting which is to held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January at the community centre to discuss the proposed changes to Grange Park School catchment areas. The newsletter distributors have been informed.

Cllr Fry circulated the statistics of how many visitors view our website over the last 12 months.

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**10/15 Correspondence**

15.1 All items of correspondence were discussed within the Meeting

**10/16 Date of the Next Meeting**

16.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 4th February 2010.

It was agreed and approved that all Parish Council meetings will now commence at 7pm

16.2 Cllr Fry sent her apologies for the next meeting in February 2010.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm