

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2013 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), M Aluko, S Dawson, A Walker, N Jackson, C Powell, J Proudley and J Davies.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk)

13/01 Public Questions

Ken Francis our landscape consultant joined the meeting to discuss the woodland maintenance required on all the structural planting belts around the Parish. He advised the Council that he had met with various consultants including the Forestry Commission seeking their advice and views on a maintenance scheme. A proposal was tabled prior to the meeting for the Council to consider at an approximate cost of £35,000. Council members asked for clarification on several of the issues tabled. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting and advised that the Council would discuss the matter further under item 13.12.2 of the agenda.

Ken Francis left the meeting at 7.50pm.

PCSO Michelle Lee joined the meeting and advised the council that following last month's Parish Council meeting and the decision to progress towards a 20mph zone on the major spinal roads that the Police would not be able to enforce this speed limit. She advised the Council on the following alternative preventative measure to decrease speed: portable flashing signs, to sign up for the Community Police Speed Group, Training of nominated individuals on speed cameras, PCSO presence when workload permitted. It was agreed that PCSO Lee would liaise with the Parish Clerk.

Action: Parish Clerk

It was also noted that Cllr Powell has arranged a meeting with the Head teacher of Woodland View School regarding parking issues outside the Community Centre. A report will be given at the next meeting in February. PCSO Lee updated the Council on current contact details for the reporting of crimes and non-emergency issues. In the event of an emergency contact 999 all other issues contact 101.

PCSO Lee Left the meeting at 8.15pm

13/02 County/District Councillors Report

No report received.

13/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors N Stansfield, C Fry, S Allen and J Walker and District Council Tharik Jainu-Deen due to work and personnel commitments.

13/04 Declaration of Members Interest

04.1 Cllr A Walker declared an interest in item 13.12.1 – Allotment Issues.

04.2 It was agreed and approved that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Parish Clerk. The power is under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011. All dispensation forms were duly signed and approved by those Councillors attending the meeting in order to approve item 13.08.2 'the setting of the precept'

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13/05 Minutes of the Council meeting of 6th December 2012

- 05.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 6th December and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendments were made:

Item 170.2.1 should read *'Winter 2012/13'*
Item 165.1 should read *'J Proudley'*

- 05.2 Matters arising: Item 12/171.3 (December minutes) The Council decided after a vote 7 in favour and one member of the Council abstained not to pursue the 20mph speed zones (approx. cost (£3-4k) due to the fact that the Police are unable to enforce. There were no other matters arising

13/06 Chairman's Report

- 06.1 All relevant items will be covered within the meeting.

13/07 Parish Clerk's Report

- 07.1 No report received.

13/08 Finance

- 08.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for January (Appendix 1 of these minutes).
08.2 The Council approved and agreed that the precept request would not increase this year (£126,519). The Chairman explained to the Council that although Grange Park Parish Council have decided not to increase their precept this year, the government is implementing a new Council Tax reduction Scheme which means that the District Council will be using different formulas to calculating their tax base figures so there may be a small percentage change. The Parish Clerk was asked to submit the request form. **Action: Parish Clerk**
08.3 It was noted that an internal audit will take place on Tuesday 29th January 2013. A report will be tabled at the next meeting in February. **Action: Parish Clerk**

13/09 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 09.1 The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

S/2012/1547/FUL

Location: 10 Hazel Copse, Grange Park

Proposal: Removal of garage door and replacement with brick infill panel and window

Case Officer: Sunita Burke

Observations: No comment

- 09.2 No planning approval/refusal decisions were received.

13/10 Staffing

- 10.1 Nothing to report.
10.2 It was agreed that we would ask the Vice-Chair Cllr Fry to lead on any staffing issues and future appointments. **Action: Cllr Fry**

13/11 Grange Park Community & Sports Association (GPC&SA)

- 11.1 It was noted that the minutes of the association meetings are on their website www.grangeparkcsa.org. The next meeting is scheduled for the 21st January 2013. The Chairman of GPC&SA reported that a local resident had made a complaint to South Northants council regarding noise from the Pavilion. It was noted that a meeting was held with the Enforcement Officer and measures have been put in place to mitigate any further concerns. The facilities will also be monitored. Additional information was discussed under item 13/16.
11.2 The Council noted that they have received a copy of the football development plan and no comments were made.

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- 11.3 The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain another quote from a local builder for the alterations to the Community Centre and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk**

13/12 Environment





- 12.1 The Parish Clerk reported that the architect completed the drawings of the vehicular access at the allotments prior to the Christmas break. These drawings have been sent to Highways, Northampton County Council for consideration before submitting to South Northamptonshire District Council. It was noted that an e-mail from NCC had arrived later this evening. It was agreed to delegate Cllr J Walker and the Parish Clerk to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting in February.
- 12.2 The Council decided that they needed more information on the woodlands maintenance before proceeding. It was therefore agreed to schedule a meeting for Tuesday 15th January at 11.00am in the Parish Office to discuss the matter further. All councillors are welcome to attend.
Action: All Councillors
- 12.3 It was agreed that the following amendments be made to the heads of agreement between Grange Park Parish Council (GPPC) and Wootton Grange Bowls Club (WGBC), once the changes have been made the Parish Clerk was asked to submit to the Bowls Club for approval:

Item 4 should read ' WGBC to have access to the Community Centre toilets as part of this agreement. Also to have use of the rear meeting room and kitchen for social occasions when available at a fee to be agreed'

13/13 Communication

- 13.1 It was noted that the deadline date for the submission of articles for the Grange Park News will be 14th January 2013. Cllr Aluko asked if a proof could be sent to him in order that he can write the editorial. Cllr A Walker also asked to see the proof to check for the accuracy of contact details.
Action: Admin Assistant

- 13.2 The Parish Council considered the competition logo entries and the following were chosen:

 <p style="text-align: center;">Winner Name: Shannon Collyer Class: 6JH</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Runner Up Name: Amy Jose Class: 4HM</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Runner Up Name: George Monie Class: 3HT</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Runner Up Name: Sophie Gilbert Class: 3NT</p>

The winning entry will now be sent to a graphic designer to publish and it will then be used on the website, letters and newsletters.

Action: Parish Clerk

13.3 In the absence of Cllr Fry no report was given on the Youth Club.

13.4 The Council agreed to allow Cllr Dawson to use the AV equipment to provide a disco for the Youth. It was agreed that Cllr Dawson would liaise with the Youth leader Jenny Evans and keep the council updated on progress/demand. The Council also discussed the formation of a committee structure to include the arranging of events etc. It was agreed that this would be considered in more detail at the next meeting in February.

Action: February agenda item

13/14 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received

- Jubilee Fireworks Ltd – booking of firework display on November 2nd 2013. The Parish Clerk was asked to book and pay a 10% deposit of £250
- Northampton County Council – Urban Highway Grass Mowing £49.89

13/15 Administration & Service Request

Nothing to report

13/16 Exclusion of the Press & Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press will be temporarily excluded.

13/17 Date of the Next Meeting

17.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 7th February 2013 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

17.2 Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- Update on Christmas Disco on the 15th December 2012

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.