

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2014 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), S Dawson (V/Ch), A Walker, C Fry, S Ash, M Aluko, K Clarke, D Harris, W Shakespeare, J Davies and N Stansfield

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting and wished all Councillors and staff a happy New Year.

14/01 Public Questions

A local resident joined the meeting to discuss the recent flooding at Grange Valley Greenway and their concerns in relation to the closeness of this to their property. The resident tabled a number of photographs. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would liaise with the Environmental Agency and the developers (Prologis) to clear the debris and culverts out.

Action: Parish Clerk

14/02 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor Michael Clarke circulated the new schedule of Safer Winter gritting routes. He also reported that there is currently a lot of surface water, tables high and once this freezes it will cause major problems around the County. It was noted that the County Council are proposing to keep the Council tax low with an increase of 1.99%. More information can be found on their website :

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/news/Latestnews/Pages/draft-budget-announcement.aspx>

Cllr Michael Clarke asked if Grange Park Parish Council would be interested in running a voluntary car scheme themselves, they have a co-ordinator and maybe two or three people who offer their time to drive individuals (for a set 'fee' to cover expenses) specifically to and from the Doctors surgery or hospital. It was agreed to advertise in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter and seek residents views on the scheme.

Action: Parish Clerk

A brief discussion took place on broadband within the Parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to our local MP Andrea Leadsom and also to Paul Brimson, BT asking for more information and an update on the current situation.

14/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Steve Allen due to work commitments.

14/04 Declaration of Members Interest

04.1 The following declarations were made:

- Cllrs M Smith, N Stansfield and A Walker declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to the allotments.

14/05 Minutes of the Council meeting of 5th December 2013

05.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 5th December 2013 and the chairman signed them as a true record.

05.2 No matter arising.

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Chairman's Report

06.1 All items covered in the agenda.

4/07

Parish Clerk's Report

07.1 The Parish Clerk reported that Woody's has asked us to consider a reduction in the hire charges for the proposed holiday clubs. The Parish Council agreed to delegate the Parish Clerk/Chairman to negotiate and also to get a commitment for the other school holidays. **Action: Parish Clerk**

07.2 The Parish Council agreed that due to the amount of new councillors it would be more beneficial if we organised a bespoke 'Flying Start Course' just for Grange Park. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to NALC and arrange. **Action: Parish Clerk**

14/08

Finance

08.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for December 2013. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).

08.2 The Parish Council agreed the budget for 2014/15. The Parish Clerk informed them that the precept request of (£126,519) had been sent to South Northants Council. SNC have confirmed receipt via e-mail.

4/09

Planning, Highways and Transportation

09.1 No planning applications were received.

09.2 No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.

09.3 The Parish Council agreed that they would submit the Noise Management Plan to SNC seeking their advice. The Parish Council delegated the Chairman/Vice-Chairman to look at testing and calibrating the noise limiter in conjunction with SNC. **Action: Parish Clerk**

09.4 The Chairman reported that the building works to convert the shower areas into more useable space had commenced. Hirers had been informed that hopefully any disturbance would be kept to a minimum. Working group meeting will be held regularly to receive an update and to make any minor alterations and decisions.

14/10

Community Centre, Foxfields & Bowling Green

10.1 Accounts will be tabled at the next meeting in February. It was agreed that the surplus snacks would be given to the Mcmillian Coffee morning as raffle prizes.

10.2 It was noted that we are still waiting for the MUGA Contract from WVPS. This will be tabled at our next meeting in February for consideration. Cllr Dawson also reported that we have currently received two quotes on the replacement of the Muga Matting and are waiting for the third. **Action: Parish Clerk**

10.3 Still awaiting a third quote, once received it will be put on the agenda for the next parish council meeting for consideration.

10.4 Notes of the meeting held with Wootton Grange Bowls Club were circulated for information.

10.5 The Parish Clerk reported that a local resident will be undertaking some voluntary work within the community centre within the next few weeks.

10.6 It was agreed that we need to obtain another quote to replace/upgrade the existing fire doors within the Community Centre. The Parish Clerk was asked to pursue this request and also speak to the fire regulation. **Action: Parish Clerk**

10.7 The Parish Council requested further information on the possibility of running a drop in café/cookery class two evenings per week. The Parish Clerk was asked to invite the potential hirer to our next parish council meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk**

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Administration & Staffing

- 11.1 All items will be discussed under item 14/16 'exclusion of press and public'.

14/12 Environment

- 12.1 The Parish Clerk reported that Contract 5 cover the last few weeks have dealt with the following:
- Few trees which have become dangerous to the current adverse weather conditions.
 - Ken Francis is also devising a route to incorporate all the 'hot spot' areas which have been identified for litter picking.
 - White lining is still being done at Foxfields even though matches have been cancelled in order to keep the markings.
- 12.2 The Parish Clerk reported that she and Mr J Walker had attended a meeting with SNC regarding the outstanding issues relating to the allotments. It was noted that the Parish Council need to discharge condition 1-4 of their planning consent. Information is required by NCC before we can proceed.
Action: Parish Clerk
- 12.3 A quote for the renovation of football pitches is still outstanding and will be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.
Action: Parish Clerk (Feb agenda item)
- 12.4 Cllr Dawson reported that we are still awaiting a quote from Ken Francis to replace the matting at the playpark adjacent to Woodland View Primary School. **Action: Parish Clerk (Feb agenda item)**

14/13 Communication

- 13.1 Nothing to report on the Youth Club.
- 13.2 The Parish Council agreed that they would not pursue the ipod casting service.

14/14 Correspondence

- 14.1 Letters of thanks have been received from Grange Park Cricket Club, Wootton Grange Bowls Club, WI, Grange Park Church and Grange Park Scout Group.

14/15 Administration & Service Request

Nothing to report


14/16 Exclusion of Press and Public

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted all members of the press and public were not invited to this session.

14/17 Date of the Next Meeting

- 17.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.



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