

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Community Centre, School Lane
Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5FZ

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Dawson (Vc.) S Ash, D Harris, A Walker, M Aluko, K Clarke, W Shakespeare, S Allen, C Fry, N Stansfield and J Davis,

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

Prior to the Parish Meeting, the Councillors listened to a performance by a group of young children from Grange Park who had participated in the notivate project and had written an Anti-Bullying song. This song has been selected for the finals of Northamptonshire Anti-bullying song writing competition. The finals will be held on the 6th February during the evening at Spinney Theatre.

To view the video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=op60BDtO79M>

15/01 Public Questions

PCSO Amy Thompson joined the meeting and introduced herself to the Council. She informed the council of her role and parishes that she covers. It was noted that a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is being scheduled for 27th January 2015. Cllr Simon Clifford confirmed that further details will be available soon.

Graham Meller and Steve Johnstone from Buttonwood Marketing Limited attended the meeting to discuss any traffic issues relating to the proposed Howden's development.

All the information regarding the site and traffic assessment reports can either be viewed on line <http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=74108> or a hardcopy of the planning application has been received and can be viewed in the Parish Office. (By appointment only)

Residents that attended the meeting ask if the Parish Council could find out if there is a possibility that the bus link at Lark Lane could be opened in order to reduce the amount of traffic trying to get onto the M1 at peak times.

Action: Parish Clerk.

It was agreed that due to the large planning application that Cllrs M Aluko and K Clarke be delegated to view the documents and report back their findings to the next Parish Council meeting in February.

Action: February agenda item

15/02 County/District Councillors Report

Apologies were received from our County Councillor Michael Clarke.

A written report was received from District Councillors Adil Sadygov and Simon Clifford who attended the meeting and reported on the following:

- S106 Funding is due to go to the next Finance meeting of the SNC council for approval.
- Clarification was sought as to the SNC Contribution to Superfast Broadband and the following was approved:

It has now been concluded that as it is not possible to fund the Grange Park Parish Council contribution to superfast broadband via the levying of a special expense pursuant to section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, it will be funded from General Fund balances per the resolution at Council on 17 December 2014. In essence this means that up to £169,000 of the cost will be met by the district council subject to confirmation that the parish council will contribute £20,000 to the scheme.

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15/03 Apologies for Absence

03.1 No apologies were received. All Parish Councillors in attendance

15/04 Declaration of Members Interest

04.1 The following declarations were made:

- Cllrs M Smith, A Walker and W Shakespeare declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to the allotments/Lark Lane.

15/05 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th December 2014

05.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 4th December and signed them as a true record.

05.2 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Extra- Ordinary Meeting of the Council and signed them as a true record after the following amendment was made :

187.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors W Shakespeare, C Fry and County Councillor M Clarke .

The Parish Clerk was asked to e-mail a copy of the minutes to NCC and SNC.

Action: Parish Clerk

05.3 No matters were arising

15/06 Chairman's Report

06.1 All items covered in the agenda.

06.2 It was noted that the Parish Clerk will be attending a meeting with the secretary of Grange Park Rangers to formulate a development plan and input the relevant data. This meeting is scheduled for Friday 16th January 2015.

15/07 Parish Clerk's Report

07.1 The Parish Clerk reported on the following :

- Community Activities Working Group Meeting to discuss the running of the café/bar and a schedule of proposed social events for 2015. All Councillors were invited to attend.
- It was noted that there are some issues with the inputting of data on the website for 2015. This should be resolved by the end of the week.

07.2 No issues to report over the Christmas/New Year period.

15/08 Finance

08.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for December 2014. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).

08.2 The Parish Council approved the precept figure of £130,314.50 and the Parish Clerk was asked to convey this to South Northants Council. This is a 3% increase from last year.

08.3 The S106 bid progress was discussed under 15/02 of these minutes.

15/09 Planning, Highways and Transportation

09.1 The following planning applications were received:

S/2014/2321/ADV

Location: Prologis (Zone F) Bridge Meadow Way, Grange Park

Proposal: 1 no non- illuminated sign

Case Officer: Mark Shaw

Observations: No comment

09.2 No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.

15/10 Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

10.1 Cllr S Dawson reported that we are still awaiting a site visit from NCC estates surveyor to approve the installation of the muga matting. Once this has been done the invoice will be paid accordingly.

10.2 It was agreed that following the inclusion of this amendment to the terms and conditions

All users of the MUGA shall wear clean suitable footwear (spiked shoes are prohibited) for the surface at all times and all parties will ensure that they comply with this condition.

that the Parish Council would sign the 10 year Control Agreement . Vice-Chairman Cllr S Dawson duly signed.

10.3 The Council agreed that Youth Inspired in conjunction with SNC would provide some craft activities for January/February. It was agreed that they would produce the poster and we would advertise on our website.

10.4 It was noted that a quote had been received for the boarding/lighting of the roof space within the community centre to comply with Health and Safety legislation for the purpose of fire sensor inspections. The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain a further two quotes. **Action: Parish Clerk**

10.5 The Parish Council considered a request from Regiment Fitness to use the grassed area of the Country Park for the weekly fitness sessions. The Council agreed that they would not be able to use this site during the wet weather months as severe damage is being caused to the current football pitches and outfield. The Parish Clerk was asked to relay this message and suggest some alternative sites for consideration ie. Wootton Country Park or Grange Valley Greenway.

Action: Parish Clerk

15/11 Administration & Staffing

11.1 It was noted that we need to advertise for the role of Weekend Caretaker . It is currently being covered by permanent members of staff. The Parish Clerk was asked to formulate an advertisement.

Action: Parish Clerk

11.2 The Parish Council agreed to circulate the new procedure on 'Shared Parental Leave' to all members of staff.

15/12 Environment

12.1 All issues on the contract 5 log sheets are being reviewed and monitored regularly

The only issue raised was with the overhanging brambles at the back of Badger Lane. It was noted that photographs will be taken and forwarded to our landscape consultant

12.2 Cllr S Dawson reported that the new Wickstead play equipment has been installed adjacent to Woodland View Primary school and has proven to be very popular. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Wickstead as it had been noted that where the existing poles had been removed the new wet pour flooring

seems more spongy within that area.
Clerk

Action: Parish

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15/13 Communication

- 13.1 It was noted that the Newsletter to all residents in Grange Park will be circulated late February. It was noted that an annual schedule of events would be published. A working group meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 15th January to discuss future events. All council members were invited.
Action: All Councillors
- 13.2 Cllr K Clarke informed the Council on proposed events he would like them to consider i.e. Dine & Dance etc. It was agreed that all this will be discussed at the above meeting.
- 13.3 It was agreed to discuss at the working group meeting also the publizing and marketing of future events.

15/14 Correspondence

- 14.1 No correspondence received.

15/15 Administration & Service Request

- 15.1 No request received

15/16 Date of the Next Meeting

- 16.1 The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5th February 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm .