



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), County Councillor B Ingram

08/105 Public Questions

County Councillor B Ingram reported that he would like to be included in any meetings regarding the adoption of the highways within our Parish. It was also noted that no news had been received from the House of Commons regarding the proposed development at the Frontier site.

08/106 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Jainu-Deen reported that he will be having a meeting with the Leader of South Northants District Council to discuss outstanding issues within Grange Park. The Council also asked him to include on the list the landscaping issues at the Plaza by the Barratt homes site, the District Centre and street cleansing issues for all developers with Grange Park. It was agreed that he would report back at the next meeting.

Action: District Councillor

08/107 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Proudley and C Nobbs

The Chairman also reported that he had received a resignation letter from Cllr R Gerrard. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter thanking Cllr Gerard for his commitment to the Council over a considerable number of years. The Clerk was asked to put the co-option procedure in place in order to elect in September.

Cllr J Foster suggested writing to the candidates who had been unsuccessful at the last elections.

Action: Clerk

08/108 Declaration of Members Interest

None received .

08/109 Minutes of the meeting of 5th June 2008

109.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 5th June 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .

109.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

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Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following issues :

The Parish Council as a whole are to be congratulated on achieving Quality Status. The 8th in Northamptonshire. The Panel obviously knew about our earlier difficulties and were impressed with the progress we have made to reach this standard.

Today there was a meeting between ProLogis, their landscape contractor; SNC and Quartet to try and finalize the signing off those parts of Grange Valley Greenway that were considered up to acceptable standard. From behind Budgens up to the bridge before the Grange Inn were signed off. So once legal bits are completed we can go ahead with installing the play area. Sam Lawrence agreed that we can call down the public land area without going through the formalities in the 106 agreement. The Clerk to write direct to Sam calling it down and giving him our Solicitors contact details. The area beyond the bridge will be landscaped and replanted September/October ready for autumn growth. The piece of land at the back of the large car park and the gardens in the Rookery will be cleared and replanted the suitable bushes and trees.

ProLogis are going to sort out with Bellways and Richmond over the disputed areas so that it is clear by September/October.

Again Quartet Design strongly recommends that we write to SNC take action against the developer Barratts about the very poor visual area around the Plaza with dead trees and poor condition of the grass in places. This area was supposed to be a focal point and a point of interest between that development and the other areas of Grange Park. Of the 22 planted trees 13 are dead, over 50%. We emptied Dog bin on the edge of the Plaza and an invoice for the costs will be sent to Barratts for the costs.

Virador have been asked for a gas migration report for the waste tip and they have agreed to supply same.

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Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there has been an incident with a local resident while reversing her car damaging the railings/brickwork on the wall at the car park located at the Community Centre. The cost of the damage was £50. The Council agreed that the resident should reimburse the Council with the cost. The Clerk was asked to send out a request letter to the resident. **Action: Clerk**

08/112

Finance

112.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2

08/113

Planning, Highways and Transportation

The following applications were considered:

S/2008/0823/P

Location: 15 The Rookery, Grange Park
Proposal: Single storey rear extension to garage and front porch
Case Officer: Alan Munn
Observations: No comment

S/2008/0847/P

Location: 59 Quiontonside
Proposal: Detached double garage to front & conversion of existing garage to living accommodation
Case Officer: Suzanne Groves
Observations: No comment

Location: Foxfields Country Park
Proposal: Kitchen Layout and security Gates
Observations: The Clerk was asked to liaise with the architect regarding the kitchen layout in relation to the location of the sink, deep fat fryer and the size of the fridge. Also to discuss a height restriction at the entrance to Foxfields Country Park

S/2008/0803/TC

Location: Saxon Avenue, Grange Park

Proposal: Radio base station comprising of a 12.5m monopole and ground base equipment cabinet

Case Officer: Alan Munn

Observations: Grange Park Parish Council strongly object to the above proposal as we feel that the location will destroy the visual impact to the gateway into Northampton and also Grange Park. We would therefore urge the applicant to find a more suitable/appropriate location .

08/114 Administration and Staffing

114.1 Nothing to report

08/115 Recreation and Amenities

115.1 Cllr Smith updated the Council on the current situation regarding the difficulty in obtaining the land transfer of Foxfields Country Park from the developers and also the funding from Prologis. The Council also looked at proposed drawings for the kitchen and security gates which we discussed under item 08/113.

115.2 The Chairman reported that himself, Cllr Stansfield and the Clerk had attended a meeting with stagecoach regarding the proposed change of bus route within our Parish. Stagecoach suggested that we need to consult with all the residents that would be affected by the new route and then analysis the responses. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue this issue and therefore no further action would be taken.

115.3 It was agreed that Cllrs Walker/Ramsay and the Clerk would attend a meeting with the landscaping consultant and contractors regarding the grass cutting within our parish. It was agreed that they would report back at the next meeting. The Council agreed that they would be prepared to pay an additional charge in order to have the spinal Road (Wake Way) roundabouts and island cut to a high standard. (to cost no more than £5,000) **Action: Cllrs Walker/Ramsay**

115.4 It was agreed that Cllr Stansfield/Walker would look into the purchasing/installation of litter bins within our Parish. The Clerk was also asked to write to our County Councillor regarding funding. **Action: Clerk**

08/116 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

116.1 It was noted that Wootton/ Grange Bowls Club are having a 'Fun Day on Saturday 19th July from 2pm and that all Councillors and the families have been invited to attend. **Action: All members**

116.2 Cllr Ramsay reported that we had received two quotes for the sliding doors located within the Parish Office. The quotes had been received from Grendon Developments at a cost of £4,817.50 and Style at £2,995. The Council agreed to appoint Style as they were specialist in this area. The Clerk was asked to appoint and get the work completed within the summer holidays **Action: Clerk**

08/117 Community Activities

117.1 The Council agreed that they would not be pursuing the hire of the Grendon wall this year due to the increased cost – (£695 + VAT) for one day.

The Council agreed to install the neighbourhood watch signs around the Parish. Cllr Cates will liaise with the Clerk **Action: Cllr Cates/Clerk**

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- 117.2 The Council agreed that they would purchase 20 smartwater kits on behalf of Neighbourhood watch and then invoice them accordingly. The Parish Council also agreed that they would purchase a business kit for the Parish Council at a cost of £40.00. Cllr Cates was asked to purchase these items.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for 5 x smartwater plastic signs **Action: Cllr Cates**

08/118 Website and Newsletter

- 118.1 It was reported that Cllrs Cates, Walker and the Clerk attended a meeting with the webmaster to discuss the layout/design etc. It was also agreed that we would look into delinking the forum from the Parish Website or making users aware that their comments will not be actioned or monitored by the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that as Grange Park Parish Council are now Quality Status we should be looking at a logo for the Parish. Cllr Ellington agreed to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting

Action: Cllr Ellington

08/119 Correspondence

- Carillion – URS – Road works - information put on the website
- Kairos – Update on Grange Park Church’s Kairos Centre Project Progress

08/120 Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman wished everyone a good summer and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

