

**Minutes of a meeting of the Grange Park Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Quinton on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**

Councillor Martin Smith Councillor Nicola Novak

Councillor Julia Newstead Councillor Anthony Walker

Councillor Michael Penn

South Northamptonshire Council:

Anna Hayward - Arts Development Officer

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th May 2002 were approved, Cllr Walker asked for the note to be added to the Head teachers notes that the school would not be big enough for the children of Grange Park when it was completed.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Dhushy Kumar

Cllr Denise Hutt

**3. Co option of Parish Councillor**

Maurice Crowson introduced himself and was duly co-opted by unanimous vote. Maurice took his seat with the Council.

**4. Public/Police Session**

Justin Brown Beat Officer for Grange Park apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

St. Benedict's Pre School have asked to open a Pre school in our new community centre – up to 19 children as per floor space available. They needed Parish commitment to say yes so they could then move onto the next stage of applying for grants for funding equipment etc.

The council agreed in principle to allow the Pre School every day access in the mornings to half the hall.

**5. Parish Clerk**

Caroline Ewin had expressed an interest at a forum meeting to act as Parish Clerk; Caroline has vast experience and also lives locally.

This was proposed by Cllr Julia Newstead and seconded by Cllr Tony Walker

Agreed hours are 1 day per week and possibly up to 4 evenings per month.

Appointment on an initial 12-month contract with 2 months notice by either party.

**6. Waste Handling Facility**

South Northants opposed the application –we understand this is now due to be decided by Northamptonshire County Council on 1st July

## **7. Community Development Worker**

Richard Griffiths is talking to ACRE to discuss the post.

## **8. Appointment of Sub Groups**

It was discussed that sub groups would be set up to cover the following areas:

Sport and Youth

Planning and Development

Community Centre

The above groupings were proposed by Cllr Michael Penn and seconded by Cllr Julia Newstead.

It was decided to discuss who would be on each committee at an interim Parish meeting on Tuesday 25th June.

## **9. Public Art Programme**

Anna Hayward gave an update on the arts project.

## **10. Management of the MUGA**

The management, collection of income and maintenance will be the responsibility of the Parish Council, with a contribution from the school.

The Chairman questioned the ownership of the MUGA, does it rest with the Parish as per the 106 agreement, as it appears to transfer from the builders to SNC to the Parish.

## **11. Finishes to the Community Centre**

- Question mark over the floor covering in the reception area
- Carpet tiles in the meeting room, is this a good idea with playgroups use etc, could be difficult to keep clean.
- Sprung floor – is it necessary
- Marley floor can be purchased on a roll rather than separate tiles.

## **12. Update of Foundation Meeting**

Chairman attended the latest meeting at Towcester – it was well received. Minutes of meeting to be circulated.

New Wave Logistics have been asked to attend the next meeting re the lorries parked on the arterial roads.

## **13. Other Business**

All Councillors were asked to complete a notification of financial and other interest before 17th June.

2 letters received from SNC about the Bus Stops and meetings with the working groups on the 106 agreement-meeting to be arranged.

NALC informed us about audit fees and processes, it was suggested that the Parish join the NALC audit scheme this was proposed by Cllr Penn and seconded by Cllr Walker. The scheme fees are payable according to income, does this include Lottery money?

Letter from Grange Park Church requesting the use of the open space/children's play area from 27th- 30th August – need to establish who is responsible for insurance, formal agreement etc.

The new children's play area – Health and Safety issues, fencing is still awaited

It was decided that a newsletter should be written and distributed around to every household – Cllr Penn offered to design it, but required input from the other cllrs.

Any development issues to be forwarded to the Chairman as soon as possible.

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm**