



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JUNE 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, C Nobbs

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk),

08/89 Public Questions

None

08/90 District Councillors Report

Cllr Cates expressed his disappointment by the lack of information that is being received from our local elected District Councillors on various issues. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a list of outstanding issues and forward them to the District Councillors in order for them to pursue at District level.

Action: Clerk

District Councillor Jainu-Deen updated the Council on the current situation in relation to WNDC approval of the planning application at the Frontier's site located within Grange Park. He reported that South Northamptonshire District Council were not happy with the decision made by WNDC and if it were to be granted it would have wider issues to the district as a whole. It was also reported that South Northamptonshire District Council might consider pursuing a judicial review. The Parish Council agreed to support this review.

08/91 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Foster, G Proudley and R Gerrard

The Chairman reported that all apologies for absence should be forwarded to the Clerk prior to the meeting where they will be recorded and accepted. If no apologies are received it will be recorded as absent.

Our standing orders state that each "Each Councillor should attend at least one full Council Meeting, every three months. If this is not possible they must inform the Clerk.

08/92 Declaration of Members Interest

None received .

08/93 Minutes of the meeting of 1st May 2008

93.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 1st May 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record . The Council also approved and adopted the Annual Meeting of the Council.

93.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

08/94 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following issues:

On 23rd May there was another follow up meeting regarding the outstanding snagging issues on the final Greenways between ourselves -Quartet – Munro & Whitten & SNC to ascertain what progress had been made. It was seen that there was still matters outstanding and final handover had to be deferred. Various shortcomings were identified and a final meeting was agreed will take place before the middle of June.

The Retirement Village developer/contractor has made good the path but as yet has done nothing to re instate the green areas. Discussions were to take place between Munro W and Prologis to agree who the remedial work is to be paid and who is responsible for restoring the Greenway, both Tree planting and grass areas, after the sewer was repaired.

Quartet Design strongly recommends that we write to SNC take action against the developer Barrets 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 received complaints about the un-emptied Dog bin on the edge of the Plaza and whilst we are trying to clarify who is responsible for emptying it for health & Safety we have asked our contractor to do it.

It has been suggested that there could be a gas migration from the waste tip and a phone call to the operators Viridor to establish what their gas monitoring records show and if that doesn't produce a satisfactory response then a call to the Environment Agency need to take place on Health & Safety grounds.

08/95 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the file for Quality Status has now been completed and will be submitted to NCALC in June 2008 for consideration.

08/96 Finance

- 96.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2
- 96.2 The Council discussed summer activities for the Youth within Grange Park and it was agreed and approved that the Council would pay for the Grendon Wall £400 and Dance Sessions £150 per full day. It was agreed that Cllr Cates would come back to the next meeting with more information.
Action: Cllr Cates
- 96.3 The Council agreed and approved a grant request from Woodland View Primary School to provide the children with stickers, fluorescent bibs and prizes for the 'walk to school' scheme in June 2008. The Council agreed £100.
- 96.4 The Council agreed and approved a grant request from St John Ambulance to help provide training equipment and venue hire costs. The Council agreed £150.
- 96.5 The Council approved and agreed the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2008 which included
- Section 1 – Statement of Accounts
 - Section 2 – Annual Governance statement

The internal end of year audit report was received from NALC and agreed by the Council. It was agreed that all paperwork associated with the end of year accounts would be forwarded to BDO external auditors by the 25th June 2008.
Action: Clerk

08/97 **Planning, Highways and Transportation**

97.1 The following applications were considered:

S/2008/0629/P

Location: Grange Valley Greenway, Grange Park
Proposal: Siting of a decorative screen as a public art work
Case Officer: David Eastham
Observations: No comment

S/2008/0761/P

Location: 4 Harefield, Grange Park
Proposal: Single Storey rear extension
Case Officer: Suzanne Groves
Observations: No comment

97.2 To following planning decisions were noted :

Approval

S/2008/0401/P

Location: Grange Park Havester
Proposal: Single storey rear extension to the cellar

97.3 It was noted that the Frontier Planning application had been approved by WNDC on the 20th May and has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

97.4 It was agreed that Grange Park Parish Council would send two representatives to attend the consultation meetings with Wootton SDA. The Clerk was asked to e-mail all councillors with the relevant information.
Action: Clerk

08/98 **Administration and Staffing**

98.1 Cllr Nobbs reported that there were no staffing and administration issues to report.

98.2 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that he had set up a database for the use of an SMS messaging service. The next stage was to obtain data from residents – it was agreed that we would include a leaflet inside the next edition of the newsletter.

Action: Cllr Ramsay/Clerk

08/99 **Recreation and Amenities**

99.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that we were actively pursuing the land transfers regarding Foxfield Country Park with Bellway Homes and sorting out all the financial arrangements.

It was noted that the drainage work has now gone out for tender and we were awaiting replies.

A meeting has been arranged with the Architect and associated local football/cricket clubs to finalise the plans for the Pavilion, pitches and car parking areas. The meeting will take place on Monday 9th June 2008 in the Parish Office at 7pm. Cllr Smith, Walker and Ramsay will attend on behalf of the Council.

99.2 The Clerk reported that a meeting with stagecoach had been arranged for Monday 9th June 2008 where the safety assessment report will be tabled. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting. The Clerk, Cllrs Walker and Stansfield will be attending on behalf of the Council.

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- 99.3 Most members of the council agreed that the grass cutting within the Parish is not at an acceptable standard compared to other adjoining parishes. It was therefore agreed that we would seek advice from our contractors to the cost of including some of the areas within our contract. The areas that were identified were the spinal road of Wake Way and associated roundabouts and islands. Cllr Walker/Ramsay were asked to organise a meeting with Frosts and Quartet Design and discuss this issue
Action: Cllrs Walker/Ramsay

It was also noted that we need to speak to our contractors regarding the quality of workmanship on certain areas. The area identified was Saxon Avenue.
Action: Cllrs Walker/Ramsay

08/100 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 100.1 Cllr Ramsay reported that there were no issues to report on the Bowling Green and Muga.
- 100.2 Cllr Ramsay reported that Grendon Builders had completed the storage shed and it had been approved by the building inspector. There were no additional costs associated with the build and therefore payment was agreed.
- 100.3 It was noted that the Community Centre had obtained 4 * from the recent Hygiene Inspection.

08/101 Community Activities

- 101.1 Cllr Cates reported on the following:
- Crime statistics
 - Land adjacent to 31 The Meadows – It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Bellway and SNC to see if we can find out who owns this land. **Action: Clerk**
 - Bus stops within Bridge Meadow Way – The Clerk was asked to pass this information on the stagecoach and seek a reply **Action: Clerk**
 - Grants – Cllr Cates had sought information on all kinds of grants that may be of use to the Parish Council – this information was passed to the Clerk
- 101.2 Cllr Nobbs reported that he had attended some Business Network meetings, which have been held within Grange Park. It was agreed that some of the businesses within our parish would be more than happy to assist/ provide some manpower towards community events.
- 101.3 The Clerk reported that Bellway Homes would be happy for the events committee to use the land within School Lane for their pet show but they would not be permitted to use the developers public liability Insurance.
- 101.4 Cllr Stansfield reported that there would be a ‘Litter Pick’ this Sunday. SNC have provided the vest and pickers, disposal of the waste will be done by the Parish Council, a photo will be taken and advertised. It was also noted that for every bag of rubbish collected the Grange Inn were willing to issue vouchers for a free drink.

08/102 Website and Newsletter

- 102.1 It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with our webmaster to discuss the layout of the website. The Clerk and Cllrs Walker Cates will attend on behalf of the Council.
Action: Cllrs Walker/Cates
- 102.2 It was agreed to renew the GPPC Website Maintenance contract at a cost of £1200 per year.

08/103 Correspondence

- Mid Northamptonshire Parishes 2001 – minutes – Passed to Cllr Walker

08/104 Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 3rd July 2008 at 7.30pm. It was also noted that there would be No meeting in August unless an extraordinary meeting was called to discuss urgent issues.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

