

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, T Jainu-Deen, L Ellington, M Aluko
S Cates, N Stansfield.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk),

09/261 Public Questions

Local residents joined the meeting to thank the Parish Council for all their support and help on the Fun-day which was held on Sunday 31st May 2009.

Liz Clayson also attended the meeting on behalf of Northamptonshire Youth Voluntary Group and spoke to the Council about setting up a youth Forum within Grange Park – The group would be willing to help with the structure and give advice . The Parish Council agreed that this would be a good idea and delegated Cllrs M Stansfield, N Stansfield, L Ellington and S Cates to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.
Action: Cllrs Stansfield, Cates, Ellington

09/262 District Councillors Report – Cllr Jainu-Deen

District Councillor Jainu-Deen informed the meeting that a new chairman has been elected to South Northamptonshire District Council (David Aaronson).

Cllr Jainu-Deen agreed to speak to his colleagues at the County Council regarding the S38 adoption process which was scheduled to go to cabinet for consideration on the 18th June 2009. **Action: District Councillor**

09/263 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nobbs. No apologies were received from Cllr Wilson

09/264 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr Cates declared an interest in item 09/268.4 - the installation of a cricket square at Foxfields Country Park

09/265 Minutes of the meeting of 7th May 2009

265.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 7th May 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

265.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

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09/266

Chairman's Report

266.1 The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- Thanks were expressed to Dorren, Carol (Local residents) and the Events Committee for all their hard work in making the Fun Day such a successful Community Event.
- Clarified that the only entrance/egress to Foxfields Pavilion will be from Foxfields Way, Grange Park only and that no other route is being considered.
- Agreed that the Parish Council were happy to accept all the transfer of land (Grange Valley Greenway, sections 1 – 5) from Prologis and accepted that no financial contribution would be received for the land above the NCC posts. The Council agreed that they would enter into a dialogue with NCC at a later date.
- Noted that there will be a 'Litter Pick on Sunday 7th June 2009. Everyone was welcome to attend

266.2 It was noted that Cllr Tony Walker and Cllr Mandy Stansfield will attend on behalf of the Parish Council the armed forces day at South Northamptonshire District Council on 22nd June 2009.

09/267

Clerk's Report

267.1 The Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from South Northants regarding our grant application. They have awarded us a 2% grant up to a maximum of £20,000 towards build of a Sport and Recreation Pavilion at Foxfields.

267.2 Letters have been received from a local resident regarding issues affecting the build of the Pavilion, the nesting of bats and litter . The Clerk was asked to respond stating that their comments had been noted.

Action: Clerk

267.3 It was noted that the wording of the signs had been agreed that we would look into Designs/cost/installation prices. It was agreed that we should consult a local resident who runs his own signage company.

Action: Clerk

09/268

Finance

268.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2. It was agreed to cancel the contract for the cleaning of the dog bins with immediate effect.

Action: Clerk

268.2 The Council approved the expenditure relating to Contract 4 (Maintenance of all openspaces within the Parish). A list of expenditure/Income was tabled at the meeting

268.3 The Parish Council accepted and approved the end of year report (2008/09) from the internal auditor and asked the Clerk to comply with any recommendations.

Action: Clerk

268.4 The Parish Council considered the cost of installing a Cricket Square at Foxfields Country Park. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would take the money from the £90,000 which we have been allocated from SNC as compensation from Henry Davidson Developments and payments from Chiltern Hundreds Housing Association forgoing the freehold on the Health Care Facilities located at the Grange Park District Centre - The above monies can only be spent on projects associated with Foxfields Country Park. It was noted that specifications have been sent out to 3 companies to tender for the construction of a cricket square and that they should be received back by Wednesday 10th June. It was agreed to delegate Cllr Smith to look into these and report his recommendation back to full council for approval.

Action: Cllr Smith

268.5 The Parish Council agreed to the installation of a MUGA (size 21m x 13 m) and a youth shelter to be located at Grange Valley Greenway. The cost of this project will be approx £43,000. GPPC have already received £6,000 funding from South Northants District Council towards this project, The Clerk was asked to inform the Environment Agency and the Planning Section of the changes and seek their approval before proceeding with the purchase.

Action: Clerk

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- 268.6 The Parish Council agreed to the increased cost of maintaining and updating our website from £1200 to £1600. The Council asked the Clerk to speak to the webmaster requesting that all events have expiry dates on them and once passed they will be automatically removed. **Action: Clerk**
- 268.7 The Parish Council considered a grant request from Grange Park Rangers for a donation of £1500 towards the rental costs of the Community Centre. The Council agreed and approved the sum of £500 and the clerk was asked to process the appropriate paperwork. (Local government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19). **Action: Clerk**

09/269 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 269.1 The following applications were considered:
No applications were received .
- 269.2 No further planning applications or decision notices were received.

09/270 Administration and Staffing

- 270.1 Nothing to report.

09/271 Recreation and Amenities

- 271.1 Cllr Smith updated the meeting on the progress of the construction of the Sports/Recreation building at Foxfields Country Park and showed Councillors a catalogue of pictures. He reported that due to bad weather and vandalism the project is now behind schedule and the expected date of handover is early September.
Our next site meeting is scheduled for the 30th June 2009 at 10.30am. Action: **All Members**
- 271.2 Cllr Stansfield reported that no further progress had been made with the allotments as we were still waiting for the transfer of land.
- 271.3 A quote from our contractors (Frosts) was submitted to council for the removal of some trees within Spinney Wood. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to let Quartet Design know that a local resident would be interested in tendering for the above works. It was also agreed that no arboreal work or additional landscaping cost would be incurred until the Council were able to see an annual schedule of works. The Clerk was asked to contact our consultant and request this information.
Action: All Clerk
A local resident has written to the Parish Council regarding the use of some of the land at Lark Lane to be used to graze her horse. The Council agreed that in principle they have no objections but at this stage were unable to approve the request as the land is still owned by the developer. **Action: Clerk**
- 271.4 The Clerk reported that as requested 6 bins have been ordered – 3 to be located immediately and the remaining 3 to be stored until a later date. **Action: Clerk**
- 271.5 It was noted that one of the new lights within Spinney Wood is facing the wrong way, the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor requesting this to be rectified. **Action: Clerk**
- 271.6 The Clerk reported that she had received several inquiries from residents regarding Peacocks within Grange Park. The Council agreed to publish some advice on the website and advising residents that if caught they could take them to the Wake Estate.

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09/272

Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 272.1 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that a draft proposal have been received from Wootton Grange Bowling Club regarding alteration to the community centre building to provide them with recreation space. It was agreed that we would look at this in more detail at the next Parish Council meeting.
Action: Clerk
- 272.2 Cllr Ramsay reported that Grange Park Pre-school were seeking our approval to erect an all weather structure at the Community Centre. The pre-school were obtaining the relevant funding. The Parish Council agreed in principle but wanted to be involved in the all issues affecting the structure. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the pre-school detailing our request.
Action: Clerk

It was also suggested that we need to look again at making the changing rooms within the Community Centre more useable space. The Clerk was asked to put this on next month's agenda.

Action: Clerk

09/273

Community Activities

- 273.1 Cllr Cates informed the meeting that the next neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held on the 15th June at 7pm in the small hall at the Community Centre. All Councillors are welcome to attend.
Action: All Councillors

It was noted that the Skateboard Ramp had been booked for Wednesday evenings from 6.30-8.30pm during the school holidays – a provisional booking has also been made to have the climbing wall, same evening but from 4.30-6.30pm. All arrangements will be advertised nearer the time.

Action: Cllr Cates

Cllr Cates asked if the Parish Council would be happy to join the Community Speed Watch Campaign in Northampton. All members present agreed and asked Cllr Cates to obtain some more information.
Action: Cllr Cates

- 273.2 A presentation regarding the youth forum was given at the beginning of the meeting under item 09/261.
- 273.3 The Events committee reported that after all the expenditure incurred for the Family Fun Day on 31st May 2009 a profit of £86.00 was made. This money will go back into the pot for the next community Event.

09/274

Website and Newsletter

- 274.1 It was noted that the Grange Park News has now been delivered. It was agreed to monitor all stages of the newsletter from submitting articles to printing and then distributing as some of the adverts were out of date by the time the residents received copies.

09/275

Correspondence

Grange Park Pre-school letter of thanks for Grant - Noted

All other items of correspondence were discussed within the Meeting

09/276

Date of the Next Meeting

- 276.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2009.
Anglia Water - the pond at the Witheys etc
Look into the use of paypal for community centre bookings.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm