

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd JUNE 2010 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK0

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch) , D Ramsay, A Stansfield, C. Fry, T Janiu-Deen, N Stansfield , L Ellington, N Wilson

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

10/82 Public Questions

Nothing to report

10/83 County/District Councillors Report

Nothing to report

10/84 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Aluko and Cllr Nobbs sent their apologies which were accepted and approved.

10/85 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllrs N Stansfield, M Stansfield declared an interest in any issues relating to the allotments and Cllr Ramsay declared an interest in any staffing issues.

10/86 Minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2010

86.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 13th May 2010 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

86.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

10/87 Chairman's Report

87.1 Nothing to report

87.2 The Chairman informed the meeting that a meeting will be held with the Solicitor regarding the new Business on the 10th June 2010 . It was agreed that the working group Cllrs Smith, Ramsay and Walker would attend and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Cllrs Smith/Walker/Ramsay**

10/88 Clerk's Report

88.1 The Clerk reported that Cllr Cates will be resigning as a parish Councillor with immediate effect due to personal commitments. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to him thanking him for all his work, dedication and commitment he has given the parish council over the last 5years.

Action: Clerk

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The Clerk reported that Woody's would like to install some bird boxes around the community centre. An example was shown. The Parish Council agreed that we had no objections on the understanding that Woody's would be responsible for any health and safety issues.

10/89 Finance

- 89.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 89.2 The Council approved the monthly committed expenditure relating to Contract 4 (maintenance and upkeep of all the open spaces within the parish).
- 89.3 Cllr Smith reported that we have appointed new contractors (C Smith, based locally in Northampton) to complete the build at Foxfield Country Park. It is estimated that the total cost to complete the project will be in the region of £81k. The Council agreed last month to contribute £6k to cover the cost of fixtures and fittings – Cllr Smith suggested that this should now be increased to £10k to cover landscaping, AV system etc. It was noted that this may not be used and it was agreed that we would keep the council regularly updated.
- 89.4 The Clerk circulated the internal report from the Auditor for the year end accounts for 2009/10. There were no actions/recommendations outstanding.

10/90 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 90.1 The Parish Council considered the following:
- S/2010/0426/DEM – For information only - application withdrawn
Location: Grange Cottage London Road
Proposal: Demolition of Cottage
- 90.2 The Parish Council decided to wait to submit any comments on the reserved matters application on the site at Saxon Avenue until we have received the presentation from the developer and the planning consultant. It was agreed that the Planning working group would formulate a response.
Action: Planning Working Group
- 90.3 No late planning applications or decisions have been received
- 90.4 The Clerk was asked to obtain an e-mail from the landlord of the District Centre regarding the current 2 hour parking restrictions at the District Centre, Grange Park. **Action: Clerk**

10/91 Administration and Staffing

- 91.1 All staffing matters will be discussed under item 10/97.
- 91.2 A list of Councillors and associated working groups were circulated and are attached to these minutes.
Action: Clerk
- 91.3 It was agreed that we would use the services of a local electrician within Grange Park to do our portable appliance testing for 2010. The Clerk was asked to organise
Action: Clerk
- 91.4 It was noted for information that the employees pension contribution had increased this year. Only two members of staff are within the current local government scheme

10/92 Recreation and Amenities

- 92.1 Cllr Smith reported that Foxfield Pavilion is due to be completed by the end of June. As previously mentioned we have appointed another builder and as yet we have had no surprises.

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The cricket square is being maintained weekly by Dave Salisbury and being water on an ad-hoc basis by Grange Park Cricket Club

It was noted that the drainage company are due to come back a date has yet to be advised. The Clerk was asked to look into the issue.
Action: Clerk

92.2 Cllrs Walker and N Stansfield gave the following report regarding issues relating the green open spaces within the Parish:

- It was agreed that due to the cost of £400 plus VAT we would not be replacing the swing that has been vandalised in the playground behind the school.
- It was noted that the second stage of the thinning of the pioneers will be done later in the year (October time).
- Wootton Brook Country Park will be cut twice this year and this should be done during June/Sept.
- It was agreed that we would leave the investigation into the pond within Foxfield Country Park until later in the year

92.3 Cllr N Stansfield informed the meeting that the allotments were going well, most plots have now been taken and no issues to report. It was noted that the water connection is still outstanding but should be resolved within the next 10 working days. Discussions are still ongoing regarding access to the site.

Action: Clerk

10/93 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

93.1 Cllr Ramsay reported that a letter had been received which was circulated prior to the meeting to all Councillors from Wootton Bowls Club regarding our recent meeting and various outstanding issues. It was agreed that Cllr Ramsay would respond on behalf of the Council.
Action: Cllr Ramsay

93.2 The Parish Council discussed the recent issue of a hirer not paying the total amount of costs associated with overrunning, not tidying up and removal of refuse. It was agreed that due to the small amount involved the Parish Council would not pursue through the small claims court but would write to the hirer advising them that they will not be able to use the facilities again and we would also let adjoining parishes know.

Action: Clerk

93.3 The Parish Council agreed to appoint the services of a local electrician to do some work around the Community Centre i.e. Outdoor lights etc The Clerk was asked to organise.

Action: Clerk

10/94 Community Activities

94.1 Concern was expressed by the Parish Council on the lack of residents that had not turned up for the Community Panel Meeting at Richmond Homes. It was agreed to ask the Police to advertise it more within the Parish using our communication system of noticeboards and the website. The Clerk was asked to re-iterate this to the Police.
Action: Clerk

94.2 It was reported that due to unforeseen circumstances the Pet Show this year had to be cancelled. Cllrs M Stansfield and L Ellington reported that they would like to incorporate this event with the informal opening of Foxfield Pavilion in September and perhaps do a family day which could include:

- Informal opening of Foxfield
- Pet Show
- Face Painting/ Bouncy Castle
- Refreshments

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10/95 Website and Newsletter

- 95.1 Cllr Fry informed the meeting that Julien Wesson had recently resigned from being the editor of the Grange Park newsletter after 8 years. It was agreed that the parish Council would send a letter to him thanking him for his commitment, hard work and dedication over the years. The parish Clerk was asked to organise. **Action: Clerk**

The Parish Council agreed that we should ask our webmaster (Martyn Fearn) if he would be interested in taking on the task as editor of the newsletter. It was agreed that we would pay £100 for this service every quarter.

- 95.2 Cllr Fry suggested to the Council that we should be looking at a new image for the newsletter to perhaps include some colour and to consider putting electronic copies on the website. The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Fry to look at all the alternatives and associated costs and report back to the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Fry**

10/96 Correspondence

- 96.1 South Northamptonshire Council – Town Twinning – Noted

All other items of correspondence were discussed within the Meeting

10/97 Exclusion of Press and Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the notes of this part of the meeting will be only attached to the originals

10/98 Date of the Next Meeting

- 98.1 The Next Meeting of the Council will be held on the Thursday 1st July 2010.

***Please note:** The Parish Council do not meet in August unless an extraordinary meeting is called by the Chairman of the Council.*

- 98.2 Agenda items to be submitted to the Parish Clerk 7 days prior to the meeting.

- Higher speed broadband – upgrade system

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm

