



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, G Proudley, D Ramsay, J Foster, T Jainu-Deen, C Nobbs.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), District Councillor O'Leary

08/33 Public Questions

None

08/34 District Councillors Report

Cllr O'Leary reported that South Northamptonshire District Council had made objections to the proposed Development at the Frontiers Site. He also informed the meeting that WNDC Development Control Meeting where the application will be determined has been postponed until either the 8th April or 5th May 2008.

The following issues were also noted:

- SNC are taking Enforcement Action on a property at Quintonside for parking issues.
- Street Lighting at the District Centre will be sorted out in the next couple of weeks.

County Councillor Report – B Ingram

The Chairman of the Parish Council commented that he was surprised to hear at the recent SNC Development Control Meeting that any S106 contributions received from the developer will not be ring fenced for the parish affected by the development. The County Councillor fully supported the Parish Council on their views and felt that all S106 contributions from the developers should be distributed within the parish which will benefit the parishioners and the community needs.

34.1 County Councillor circulated a report regarding his views on the current bus route within Grange Park

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would procure an independent risk assessment on two potential routes within the parish. Cllrs Walker, Proudley were delegated to obtain sufficient quotes and appoint as necessary. **Action: Cllrs Walker/Proudley**

08/35 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Rees.

08/36 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr Nobbs declared an interest in item 08/40.2

The Clerk re-iterated the current procedure as per section 12.2 of the revised Code of Conduct that enables Councillors with a personal or prejudicial interest (following the declaration as listed above) to be given the same rights as members of the public to participate in a meeting, make representation, answer questions etc.

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08/37 Minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2008

- 21.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 7th February 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record .
- 21.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

08/38 Chairman's Report

- 38.1 The Chairman reported on the meeting with our contractors (Frosts Landscaping) and Quartet Design (Consultants) regarding Contract 4 issues.

He updated the meeting on the following:

- Benches that had been stored in the Community Centre will be re-erected by Bellway Homes over the next couple of weeks.
- It was agreed that spiking, aeration etc will be suspended on Foxfields Country Park until the new drainage work has been installed when the Pavilion is built.
- The work on Foxfields Country Park paths will commence after Easter.
- We are investigating the possibility of installing lighting at the Spinney – prices, planning permission and land ownership details need to be confirmed
- Contract 4 will incorporate the grass cutting along the adopted roads (which includes Saxon Avenue and part of Bridge Meadow Way) into the cutting regime as from April 1st 2008. This will also include the roundabouts.
- Concerns were expressed regarding local resident's properties boarder the open spaces within Grange Park using our land to store personal household items or to chop down mature trees. It was agreed that if any properties are identified then the Parish Clerk will be writing to those concerned. **Action: Clerk**

- 38.2 It was also agreed that the Council would hold a surgery and the proposed date is 26th April 2008. The Clerk was asked to put this information on the website. **Action: Clerk**

08/39 Clerk's Report

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would be on 8th May 2008 and the AGM (Election of Officers) would be at our next council meeting on the 3rd April 2008.

08/40 Finance

- 40.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2 .
- 40.2 The Council considered a request from the Kairos Centre to help financially support their project of providing more meeting room space to local community groups. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully supported this project and they were therefore prepared to grant £5,000 this year as a one off payment. This grant was given under S133 of the Local Government Act 1972. **Action: Clerk**
- 40.3 The Council approved and agreed an increase from £2.51 to £2.56 plus VAT from 1st April 2008 for the emptying of dog bins.

08/41 Planning, Highways and Transportation

S/2008/0122P

Location: Unit 6 Grange Park Court, Roman Way
 Proposal: Fire escape door to South East elevation of the building
 Case Officer: David Eastham
 Observations: No comment

S/200/0121/A

Location: Unit 6 Grange Park Court, Roman Way
 Proposal: 2 No Halo Illuminated signs on the south east and south west elevations of Building
 Case Officer: David Eastham

S/2007/167/P

For information only
 Location: Unit 1 Cheaney Drive, Grange Park
 Proposal: Windows to front and side elevation, glazed lobby to the front elevation
 Amendment details: Existing grilles to air conditioners shown

S/2008/0194/P

Location: 59 Quintonside, Grange Park
 Proposal: Proposed double garage & conversion of existing garage to habitable room
 Case Officer: Suzanne Groves
 Observations: No comment

S/2008/0231/A

Location: Unit 1 Cheaney Drive, Grange Park
 Proposal: Flat company sign non-illuminated to the side elevation
 Case Officer: Alan Munn
 Observations: No comment

S/2008/0196/P

Location: 23 Springwell Close, Grange Park
 Proposal: Conservatory to rear
 Case Officer: David Eastham
 Observations: No comment

Notification of WITHDRAWN application

S/2008/0079/P

Location: 15 The Rookery, Grange Park
 Proposal: Two storey rear extension and attic dormer windows to the front & rear.
 Case Officer: Alan Munn

41.2 The Council agreed the name of 'Sandy' for the new commercial development off Saxon Avenue.

Action: Clerk**08/42 Administration and Staffing**

42.1 Cllr Nobbs informed the Council that annual staff reviews will take place on Monday 31st March 2008.

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Recreation and Amenities

- 43.1 Cllr Smith updated the Council on the following issues regarding the Sports Pavilion at Foxfields Country Park:
- Football Foundation will be determining our bid application in April 08
 - Planning permission to be determined at the development control meeting on Thursday 13th March 2008 . The Chairman and the Clerk will be attending the meeting at SNC.
 - It was agreed some time ago – that once this project is completed then £8,000-£10,000 will be released to provide an artificial pitch for the Cricket Club.
 - To apply for some funding from SNC for the Capital Project Cost. – **Action: Clerk**
- 43.2 Cllr Walker reported that PPL had investigated 3 potential sites at Grange Valley Greenway by Budgens to install a Multi use Games Area. A preferred site was suggested and it was agreed that GPPC would need to seek approval from the Environment Agency and the land owners Prologis. The cost of this project will be £14,000. The Finances were therefore agreed as follows:
- Successful Grant from SNC - £6,000
 - GPPC to fund additional ground work of £8,000

The Council also agreed that whilst the contractors were on site then we would also have a youth shelter installed up to the value of £8,000 which would be funded by the Parish Council. The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Smith/Walker to proceed with the above. **Action: Clerk/Cllrs Walker/Smith**

The Clerk was also asked to speak to the PCSO regarding crime prevention at the above site.

Action: Clerk

- 43.3 The Council agreed to wait for the information boards until Cllrs Proudley/Cates/Nobbs had researched the purchasing and installation of electronic boards at the entry/exit of our parish.
Action: Cllrs Proudley/Cates/Nobbs
- 43.4 It was agreed and approved that the Parish Council would speak to the Commercial Building within Grange Park seeking support and contributions to the maintenance and upkeep of the roundabouts within the Parish.
Action: Clerk

Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 44.1 All Community Centre, Muga and Bowling Green issues have been raised within this meeting.
- 44.2 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that 3 quotes had been obtained from Builders regarding the Installation of the storage shed located at the Community Centre.

The quotes were obtained from the following builders:

J B House,
Allbright Building Solutions
Alpine

After a brief discussion it was agreed following a recommendation from Cllr Janiu Deen that we should ask the second builder Allbright Solutions to price match the first. This decision was reached as we had used Allbright Building Solutions before on the office extension and they had given us a good price, wide range of availability, stated the length of job, and live within close proximity to the Community Centre, good communication and excellent workmanship. The first builder had been unable to give a start date and reluctant to give references. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to Allbright solutions regarding price and proceed with the appointment if this was acceptable, if not than the Parish Council will seek alternative quotes. **Action: Clerk**

- 44.3 The Parish Council approved and agreed that additional office equipment is required following the office extension. A budget was set of £750 Nett. **Action: Clerk**

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08/45 Community Activities

- 45.1 All Community Activities have been covered in this meeting.
- 45.2 Cllr Cates gave a verbal report of the status of the arts projects. He also updated the Council on the recent events associated with Neighbourhood Watch.

It was also noted that the youth group were liaising with the County Council regarding the employment of a youth worker and workshops .

Cllr Cates also sought approval from the Council to organise a Blood Transfusion Centre to come to the Community Centre. It was agreed that Cllr Cates would look into the matter and report back at the next full Parish Council Meeting. **Action: Cllr Cates**

- 45.3 The Events Committee tabled a calendar of events for 2008 suggesting Pet shows, Tea Dance Fun Run, New Years Eve Party. It was agreed that the Events Committee would be separate from the Parish Council and that they would be self funded and fully constituted.

08/46 Website and Newsletter

- 46.1 It was noted that the articles for the next Parish Newsletter need to be submitted to the editor before the 18th April. The Chairman re-iterated his plea from the previous meeting requesting that all Lead Councillors submit an article. **Action: All Councillors**

08/47 Correspondence

- SNC – Housing Transfer Project - Noted
- Northamptonshire ACRE – Invitation to the launch of a new green space toolkit for communities – Noted
- West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit - Notes from Workshop held on the 24th January 2008- Noted
- Northampton Borough Council - A response sheet for the consulting on planning documents – Noted
- South Northamptonshire Youth Council – Youth Opportunity Fund – Information passed to Cllr Cates.

08/48 Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd April 2008 – this will include the AGM (Appointment of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman etc.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.30pm.

