

# GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, N Wilson, T Jainu-Deen, S Cates, L Ellington, N Stansfield, C Nobbs, G Proudley

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), B Ingram (County Councillor)

### 09/209 Public Questions

A local resident informed the Council about pedestrian access to the District Centre and perhaps there needs to be some signs warning motorists that pedestrian are crossing. The Clerk was asked to discuss this issue with the Police on the next visit to the Parish Office.

**Action: Clerk**

### 09/210 District Councillors Report

The Council welcomed the newly elected District Councillor Mr Paul Farrow who will represent the Grange Park Ward. Mr Farrow gave a brief summary of the committees he would be attending at District Level.

Cllr Jainu-Deen reported that the District Council are currently looking at their budget for the financial year 2009/10. He also requested that Diversity and Social Inclusion legislation be included on the next Parish Councils agenda item for discussion .

### 09/211 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

### 09/212 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr Charlie Nobbs declared an interest in item 217.2 and declined from voting.

### 09/213 Co-option of Parish Councillor

213.1 The Clerk reported that no applications had been received. It was agreed to re-advertise.

**Action: Clerk**

### 09/214 Minutes of the meeting of 8 Jan and Extraordinary meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009

214.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

214.2 The Council approved and adopted the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the Chairman signed them as a true record

214.3 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

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09/215

## Chairman's Report

- 215.1 The Chairman reported that he had attended several meetings on behalf of the Council
- Transfer of land with Prologis – Land registry documents need to be obtained prior to any decisions being made.
  - Wake Estate – to discuss the flooding on the adjacent field to Foxfields Country Park – Quartet Design were asked to obtain quotes for the works
  - Eon – Lighting at the Spinney – Waiting on Quote
- 215.2 The Chairman reported that himself, the Clerk and B Ingram had attended a meeting with the Chief Executive (Katherine Kerswell) and Asst Chief (Alex Hopkins) of Northampton County Council to discuss the frustration and disappointment of the residents regarding the lack of services being provided within Grange Park (street cleansing, street lighting, adoption of roads etc). It was agreed that they would pursue the issues at County level and come back to us with a response.

09/216

## Clerk's Report

- 216.1 Nothing to report
- 216.2 The Council approved and agreed to implement the model publication scheme for Freedom of Information.

09/217

## Finance

- 217.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 217.2 The clerk circulated the end of year (From April – Dec 2008 ) Financial position to the Council indicating the expenditure and income which are as follows:
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| Total income from Apr – Dec    | £240,526.57 |
| Total Expenditure from Apr-Dec | £220,622.43 |
- 217.3 In line with Audit recommendation the Council considered the current Council's Fidelity Insurance and decided to increase it from £10,000 to £20,000 which will increase our annual premium by approx £25. The Clerk was asked to make the alterations. **Action: Clerk**
- 217.4 The Council considered a grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Grange Park Rainbows and agreed to pay £165.00 to help with their weekly rental costs. **Action: Clerk**
- 217.5 The Council considered a grant request from the Kairos Centre to help with the set up costs . It was agreed after a brief discussion to empty the budget pot for Grants (Approx £2,750). **Action: Clerk**

09/218

## Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 218.1 The following applications were considered:

Location: 55 Swift Close, Grange Park  
Proposal: First Floor extension  
Observations: No comment

- 218.2 The Council noted the following planning decisions:
- Location: 31 The Meadows  
Proposal: Erection of 165cm fence adjacent to public land (retrospective)

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218.2 (Cont'd)

Location: 12 Littlefield, Grange Park  
Proposal: Garage conversion

Location: 7 The Rookery  
Proposal: Single storey front extension

## **09/219 Administration and Staffing**

219.1 Cllr Nobbs informed the meeting the Personal Development Plans for all staff were being looked at on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 and he would report back at the next meeting

219.2 The Meeting looked at the proposed logo's and it was agreed that the existing logo should be in the shape of a Q , highlighting the fact that Grange Park Parish Council has achieved Quality Status.

**Action: Cllr Nobbs**

## **09/220 Recreation and Amenities**

220.1 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 explained that at the moment we were currently behind schedule due to severe weather conditions.

Our next site meeting is scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 10.30am. Action: **All Members**

Cllr Ellington volunteered to look into a Grand Opening and perhaps inviting local football guests

**Action: Cllr Ellington**

220.2 It was agreed that we would have a standard procedure for dealing with Flytipping on our land around the Parish. It was agreed to delegate Cllrs N.Stansfield and the Clerk to formulate appropriate letters for approval at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk/Cllr N Stansfield**

220.3 The Council agreed to have a standard procedure for dealing with residents occupying or obtaining access on to land owned and maintained by the parish Council. It was agreed to delegate Cllrs N. Stansfield and the Clerk to formulate appropriate letters for approval at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk/Cllr N Stansfield**

220.4 It was agreed to delegate the Clerk/Cllrs Ellington/Smith to formulate the wording of signs to be erected at the play parks within the Parish and seek approval at the next Parish Meeting.

**Action: Clerk/Cllrs Ellington/Smith**

220.5 The Council agreed in principle the purchase and installation of some more litter and dog bins. The Council delegated Cllrs N Stansfield/M Stansfield to come back to the next Council meeting with locations and costs.

**Action: Cllr N Stansfield/Cllr M Stansfield**

## **09/221 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

221.1 Cllr Ramsay reported that the Parish Council were having a meeting with the Bowling Green on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and would report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Action : Cllr Ramsay**

221.2 The Council agreed and approved the new tariff rates for the hiring of the MUGA and Community Centre for 2009/10. The increases in charges were due to utilities costs and will be effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Letters informing users will be circulated shortly.

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**09/222**

## **Community Activities**

- 222.1 Cllr Cates asked the County Councillor to look into the possibility of providing bus shelters and electronic waiting signs at Saxon Avenue. Cllr Ingram said he would look into the matter and report back to the Parish Clerk. **Action: County Councillor Ingram**

It was noted that the Neighbourhood watch financial accounts/signatories are being updated.

- 222.2 Cllrs Cates informed the meeting that since the last council meeting, two youth forum meetings had taken place. The purpose of these meetings, are to liaise with the youth and see if any facilities can be provided for their use. It was very well attended. The youth have been asked to formulate a wish list indicating their needs and aspirations and also to set up a committee.

- 222.3 Following on from the above meetings the Parish Council briefly discussed the possibility of a youth centre for the older youth (14+) being formed and the possible sites available – The following locations were considered:

Foxfields Country Park – to remote and not enough internal recreation space

Grange Park Community Centre – it was suggested that we look at the centre space of the community centre which is currently changing /showers rooms. The Clerk was asked to look into the suitability and cost and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

It was also suggested that the design of the youth shelter needs to be altered slightly and include a vandal proof perspex cover on the back and an internal solar powered light. The Clerk was asked to convey this to the supplier once ordered. The Council agreed to look into the possibility of using the spoil from the above build to use as a skateboard ramp. The Clerk was asked to look into this and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

- 222.4 It was agreed that in order to provide the above service/facilities that we need to apply for a financial grant for a youth worker. Cllr Cates volunteered to pursue this. **Action: Cllrs Cates**

**09/223**

## **Website and Newsletter**

- 223.1 It was noted that the Grange Park News has now been delivered.

The Council agreed and approved that due to a number of users abusing the forum which is currently running on the Parish Website that the link will be removed with immediate effect. The Clerk was asked to convey this to the webmaster. **Action: Clerk**

**09/224**

## **Correspondence**

- NCC - Draft Council Plan and Budget Consultation – Noted
- NCC – Consultation document on planning applications and information required. – Noted
- Thank you letter from the Campanile Hotel for our attendance (Cllr Wilson) at their official Inauguration Evening - Noted
- NCC – letter from CEO regarding visit to Grange Park – discussed under item 09/212.5 (Chairman's report)

**09/225**

## **Exclusion of Press**

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the Chairman asked members of the public to be temporarily excluded. The notes of this part of the meeting will be (section 2 ) and only attached to the originals.

**08/226**

## **Date of the Next Meeting**

- 226.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.  
The AGM and Annual Parish Meeting will be held in May 2009

- 226.2 It was noted that all agenda items should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

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



