

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL held at Woodland View Primary School, Grange Park on Tuesday 6th May 2003 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Martin Smith

Councillor Nicola Novak

Councillor Denise Hutt

Councillor Anthony Walker

Councillor Christine McClennan

Councillor Dhushy Kumar

Councillor Maurice Crowson

Community Development Worker – Vanda Goodship

Clerk – Jas Meadows

District Councillor, Sally Townsend

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from : District Councillor, George Smith

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no matters to report.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Anthony Walker proposed that Councillor Martin Smith remain in the position of Chairman.

Councillor Nicola Novak proposed that Councillor Denise Hutt be Chairman, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Christine McClennan.

As no second votes were received for Councillor Martin Smith and no further nominations received, it was agreed that Councillor Denise Hutt be Chairman for Grange Park Parish Council.

Chairman Denise Hutt took over the meeting as Chairman.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHARIMAN

Councillor Nicola Novak proposed nomination for Councillor Dhushy Kumar to be Vice Chairman, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Maurice Crowson.

There were no further nominations therefore it was agreed that Councillor Dhushy Kumar be Vice Chairman for Grange Park Parish Council.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

After much discussion it was agreed that the Committee Groups would be as follows:

Community Centre: Councillor's Anthony Walker, Nicola Novak, Christine McClennan and Maurice Crowson

Planning and Development: Councillor's Christine McClennan, Anthony Walker, Martin Smith and Nicola Novak

Community Development: Councillor's Dhushy Kumar, Maurice Crowson, Martin Smith and Denise Hutt

Finance Committee: Councillor's Denise Hutt and Maurice Crowson, Clerk Jas Meadows (to also include the Chairman of each Committee Group).

6. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS ELECTED TO OFFICE INCORPORATING MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

All forms were completed, signed and returned to the Clerk.

7. REGISTER OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTEREST

All forms were completed, signed and returned to the Clerk.

8. ADVERTISE – VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

All agreed that the vacancy for a Parish Councillor should now be advertised and all applications to be sent to the Monitoring Officer at South Northamptonshire Council and a copy forwarded to the Clerk for reference.

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9. SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH AND 15TH APRIL 2003

No comments received from Councillors therefore the minutes were signed as a correct and true copy by Chairman Denise Hutt.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH AND 15TH APRIL 2003 NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.

Clerk confirmed that all correspondence was sent and responses would be discussed when received.

11. FINANCE

End of Year Receipts and Payments accounts for Grange Park Parish Council and Grange Park Community Centre.

Councillor Nicola Novak proposed the acceptance of the end of year accounts. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Anthony Walker, all other Councillors confirmed their acceptance with a show of hands.

Receipts and Payments for April 2003 – Parish Council and Community Centre

Councillor Dhushy Kumar proposed the acceptance of the Receipts and Payments for April 2003. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Nicola Novak, all other Councillors confirmed their acceptance with a show of hands.

Transfer of Precept Funds to Community Centre Account

As shown in the Receipts and Payments for April 2003 all Councillors were made aware that the sum of £9702.00 would be deposited to the Community Account from the precept monies received by the Parish Council.

S137 Grant for Mums and Tots Group

After much discussion Councillor Dhushy Kumar proposed that in accordance with the Councils powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council grant £260 to Charlotte Nobbs for the Mums and Tots Group which equals 3 months hire charge for the Community Centre to be reviewed after this time. This decision was agreed to be in the interest of the Community and will benefit a large group therefore the Parish Council agreed that this expenditure was justified.

The Mid Northamptonshire Parishes Group

Councillor Martin Smith proposed that the Council support this by donating £15, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Christine McClennan, all Councillors agreed with a show of hands.

12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Report Back

All Councillors received a copy of the report from the Community Development Worker. There were no further comments on this matter. Councillor Denise Hutt thanked Vanda Goodship and informed her that the report she had been producing was very clear and easy to read.

Vanda Goodship asked if meetings could be held at the Community Centre with groups such as Scouting Association. The Council agreed that this should be discussed further at the next Community Centre Committee Meeting on Wednesday 14th May (venue to be agreed).

Vanda Goodship informed the Council that a Police Roadshow had been organised and was taking place on Monday 12th May 2003 at 1pm-3pm.

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Vanda Goodship also informed the Council that after a meeting with Delores Bishop she now has all the information relating to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Open Day 24th May 2003

Vanda Goodship informed the Council that the Open Day will be held on Saturday 24th May 2003 at 10-4. A further meeting needed to take place regarding the organising of the days events which Clerk Jas Meadows and Vanda Goodship would organise between them. Councillor Denise Hutt proposed that Vanda should organise for a Committee Group to organise refreshments in order for them to make profit for their Group. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Martin Smith.

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13. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED STANDING ORDERS

A resolution was proposed by Councillor Nicola Novak that as previously agreed the Committee meetings should now become public meetings. Also that the Community Centre Committee were to have the powers to spend up to £500 without taking the matter to Parish Council Meetings. Any amount above £500 would be discussed at Parish Council. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Dhushy Kumar and all other Councillors agreed to this change by a show of hands. Clerk to amend all relevant paperwork to reflect this change.

Councillor Anthony Walker proposed acceptance of the terms of agreement received by Coors Brewers, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Dhushy Kumar, all Councillors agreed with a show of hands.

15. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Nicola Novak confirmed correspondence had been received and would be discussed further at the next Planning & Development Committee:

- Letter from Carillon-URS – re Traffic Lights
- Northamptonshire County Council – Establishment of Local Access Forum For Northamptonshire
- Northamptonshire Waste Local Plan Deposit Draft
- Letter from Chiltern Hundreds Housing – Shared Ownership Properties

16. ACCEPTANCE OF CLERKS CONTRACT

Councillor Denise Hutt proposed the acceptance of the amended Clerks Contract, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Dhushy Kumar, all Councillors agreed with a show of hands.

17. PARISH NEWSLETTER

After much discussion Councillor Anthony Walker proposed the acceptance of Printing Costs of £600, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Christine McClennan.

Councillor Denise Hutt proposed that advertising charges would be £35 for half a page and £55 for a full page, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Christine McClennan.

It was suggested that a meeting to discuss the newsletter in more details would be necessary Councillor Denise Hutt and Clerk Jas Meadows would organise this.

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18. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and had been circulated for Councillors information.

- Letter of Reference for Mr Peter Hawkridge
- Copy of letter sent to Ben Wright from South Northamptonshire Council regarding S106 Agreement.
- Complaint letter from resident of Foxfield Way
- Letter from South Northamptonshire Council – invitation to attend Community Safety Partnership meeting on 7th May 2003.
- Copy of letter from South Northamptonshire Council sent to Northamptonshire Police regarding Community Beat Officer
- Copy of letter from Hammonds (Grange Park Development Solicitors) to South Northamptonshire Council regarding Community Centre

19. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

It was discussed if the following items could be added to the next Parish Council Agenda

- S106 Agreement
- Website
- Increase No. of Councillors

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 3rd June 2003 (venue yet to be discussed)