

# GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), C Fry, A Walker, J Walker, S Dawson, M Aluko, S Ash, J Davies , S Allen .

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

### 13/66 Public Questions

66.1 Jenny Evans, Youth Inspired joined the meeting to update the council on the current youth club activities Including:

- promoting the 5k fun run which will be held at Foxfields on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 10.00am ,
- advertising in this month's Grange Park News inviting any young person in school Year 8 and above to join the youth clubs which run every Thursday in term time from 6.30pm -9.00pm at Grange Park Community Centre.
- An active young leaders steering group has been formed
- New staff structures have been implemented
- Group are concentrating on providing more arts/ music activities for this forthcoming year.
- A donation will be received of £300 from the Hilton Hotel
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### 13/67 County/District Councillors Report

No report received.

### 13/68 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors J Proudley, N Jackson and N Stansfield .

### 13/69 Declaration of Members Interest

69.1 The following declarations were made:

- Cllrs M Smith, A Walker and J Walker declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to Grange Park Community & Sports Association.
- Cllrs A Walker. J Walker declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to the allotments.

### 13/70 Minutes of the Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013

70.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

70.2 No matters arising.

### 13/71 Chairman's Report

71.1 The Chairman thanked all Councillors and staff for their commitment and support they have given over the last year. All other matters are covered within the agenda

71.2 It was noted and approved that Cllr Fry would attend the CNALC Leadership training course at a cost of £35.00.  
**Action: Parish Clerk**

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**Parish Clerk's Report**

72.1 The Parish Clerk reported that she has been asked to submit a 'wish list' to the District Council which will be considered for funding from the Bovis Homes development proposed for Colingtree/East Husbury.

The following projects were suggested: Updating the playparks, maintain and upgrade the pond at Foxfields, an overflow car park at Foxfields, BMX/Skateboard facility.

It was also noted that a 16 seater minibus has been organised for the 'Wembley Northampton Saints Football Event'. Details have been published on Facebook and further information can be obtained from Cllr Steve Allen.

All other matters are covered within the agenda

**Finance**

73.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for May 2013. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).

73.2 The Council approved and agreed the figures submitted on the Annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013: section 1 – accounting statements and section 2 – annual governance statement 2012/13.

73.3 It was noted that our internal audit will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and the report will be circulated to all councillors for information.

**Planning, Highways and Transportation**

74.1 S/2013/0508/FUL

Location: 62 The Ridings, Grange Park

Proposal: Two storey extension to form link with existing garage and first floor extension over garage.

Observations: No comment

74.2 No planning approval/refusal decisions were received.

74.3 Cllr J Walker gave the following report :

- No further forward than last month.
- timing issues are complex and essentially require ,inter alia, resolution of a sect 38 variation (Highways) and some drainage and other matters with the Developer.
- Until the above issues are resolved we cannot start the works ( vehicle access and roadway changes - defined in our application).
- No idea what SNC's concerns are with the HSE and the pipeline as I am convinced we had resolved all practical concerns with HSE and Nat Grid.
- Spoke to NCC Highways Officer today and she knows of no outstanding or additional concerns other than the ones noted earlier.
- Tried to speak to the SNC planning officer today – She is away till May 20th. Also tried to speak to the Head of Planning but have been unable to contact him.
- At this point I do not believe we can do any more to progress the matter.

The Parish Council considered the following proposal: *'that the Parish Council decided to provide the requisite amount of funding when required to take the planning application (S/2012/0824/MAF) to completion'*. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would fund and support the above project.

Barrie Randall (Chairman of the Allotments Association) joined the meeting and gave an update on some of the following issues:

- Open day end of June – open to all residents
- BBQ with plot holders was very well attended
- Reports to be submitted for the next edition of the Grange Park News
- New keys have been sent to National Grid in order to obtain access if needed

- 74.4 Cllr Fry requested that the item in relation to the purchasing of bus shelter be deferred until the next parish council meeting in order to obtain further information. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 74.5 The Parish Council decided to look into the cost of some activation signs. The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain some further information to discuss at next month's meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk**

### **13/75 Grange Park Community & Sports Association (GPC&SA)**

- 75.1 Cllr Smith reported that an EGM was called on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April to discuss the proposed motion to dissolve the Association with a planned completion date of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013. It was agreed that as the business of the association will be transferred to the Parish Council a working group meeting would be formed to discuss the issues in detail. A proposed date of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May was proposed. Cllr Fry advised that it was important that all members should attend. **Action: All Councillors**

### **13/76 Environment**

- 76.1 It was agreed that we would **not** accede to the Bowls Club request and include a clause in the agreement to purchase or maintain the mower.

It was further agreed that we would not pursue the joint agreement to go into a partnership with the Bowls Club to make the shower area into more useable space.

The Parish Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of their letter and to include an agreement to be signed before the next parish council meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- 76.2 The Council approved the proposal to cut the verges (Section B; the land adjacent to 'Buddies roundabout'. It was also noted that we would take the advice of our Consultant R&G when complaints were received in reference to trees. The Council's policy is to deal with those trees which are either dead, dying or dangerous.

### **13/77 Communication**

- 77.1 Cllr Fry reported that the newsletter was circulated weekend commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> April. A few residents reported that they had not received a copy, this was resolved by a special hand delivery.
- 77.2 Barrie Randall informed the Council that he had been busy over the last couple of weeks but would look into making the small amendments requested and e-mail the logos back to the Council for approval.
- 77.3 All outstanding issues relating to the Youth Club were resolved under item 13/66.1.
- 77.4 It was agreed that in order that our summer event on the 13<sup>th</sup> July does not clash with Woodland View Primary School Summer Fete that we would commence our event at 4pm. Cllr Dawson was asked if he could put something on Facebook with regards to the hiring of a band for this event. **Action: Cllr Dawson**

### **13/78 Correspondence**

All items of correspondence has been dealt with during the meeting

### **13/79 Administration & Service Request**

Nothing to report

### **13/80 Date of the Next Meeting**

- 80.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.