



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2006 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith S Cates, M Crowson, C Ainsworth, , G Proudley, Cllr Ramsay, Cllr Gerrard

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

06/102 Public Questions

There were no public questions

06/103 District Councillors Report – Sally Townsend

Cllr Townsend reported that she had been contacted by the Chronicle and Echo newspapers about the proposed development of the warehousing site located at J15 of the M1. She had informed them to contact Michael Warren, Planning Officer, SNC for any information.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Martin Henry, Head of Finance regarding any funding that may be left over from the build/development of Grange Park. **Action: Clerk**

County Councillor B Ingram also attended the meeting; he suggested that the Parish Council should look at the recent White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities.' (Copies can be obtained from www.communities.gov.uk or the Parish Office)

It was reported that following a recent meeting with Bellways, that Garry Hooper would liaise with all the developers in Grange Park to provide a gritting service this year. The Clerk was asked to speak to Grant Perks regarding this issue. Cllr Ingram requested copies of any correspondence relating to this issue. **Action: Clerk**

District Councillor S Townsend and County Councillor B Ingram left the meeting at 8.15pm

06/104 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Knobs, Cllr Jellis, Cllr Batchelor and Cllr Janu-Deen.

06/105 Declaration of Members Interest & Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ramsay declared an interest in item 06/111

06/106 Minutes of the meeting of 10th October 2006

106.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 10th October 2006 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record. .

106.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

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06/107 Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out the following report:

A further meeting was held with SNC, Bellway, Munro Witton, Prologis and Quartet Design to discuss the Snagging List and any progress achieved. The Clerk was asked to circulate copies of the minutes.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman updated the Council on the current situation regarding the broken window in the Main Hall. The Clerk was asked to speak to the insurance Company and get confirmation in writing to the next stage

Action: Clerk

A brief discussion took place on the cost of a PCSO and leaflets were circulated. Copies are held within the office.

06/108 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Frosts and Premier Green have kindly donated us a outdoor Christmas Tree, Stand and lights. Delivery is due by 1st December. It was agreed that the Chairman would turn on the lights prior to our next full Council meeting on December 5th

06/109 Finance

109.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

109.2 The Council approved the expenditure of approx £50.00 to purchase a Licence from Ordnance Survey. The Clerk was asked to see when their updates were reviewed and apply on-line for a Licence.

Action: Clerk

06/110 Planning, Highways and Transportation

The following plans were considered:

S/2006/1459/P

Location: 48 The Ridings, Grange Park

Proposal: Conservatory to rear

Case Officer: David Eastham

Observations: No comment

S/2006/1410/P

Location: 6 Poachers Close, Grange Park

Proposal: A single storey extension at rear

Case Officer: Suzanne Groves

Observations: No comment

S/2006/1421/P

Location: The Grange Inn PH, Grange Park

Proposal: A single storey extension to provide garden room

Case Officer: Suzanne Groves

Observations: No comment

06/111 Administration and Staffing

111.1 In the absence of Lead Councillor Nobbs, the Chairman reported on the current situation of recruiting an administration Assistant to work in the office. He reported on the following and sought approval

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- The advertised post had only received one application. This application had been received from a very suitable candidate and therefore the Council decided to offer the post on the same terms and conditions as advertised with a review of the terms in a month. The Clerk was asked to write to the candidate offering her the position including a contract as before but obviously on a permanent basis.

All those members present (with the exception of one due to a declared interest) agreed to the above proposals. **Action: Clerk**

06/112 Recreation and Amenities

- 112.1 Cllr Smith updated the meeting on the latest situation regarding the handover of open spaces and Country Parks. He asked the Clerk to circulate to all members a copy of the minutes of the last meeting with SNC, Quartet Design and developers. **Action: Clerk**

06/113 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

- 113.1 The Council considered a request from Grange Park Pre-School regarding a location outside to put a non-maintenance plastic shed. The Council agreed the location on the following conditions:

- Portable- be able to move in the event of the group vacating the premises
- Will be purchased by the individual group
- Any items stored in the shed will be at the owners' risk.

The Clerk reported that another request had been received by Woody's Out of School Club. The Council therefore agreed that two storage containers could be stored within the Community Centre.

Action: Clerk

- 113.2 The Council considered the cost relating to a noise limiter being installed in the small hall. It was agreed that as most of the issues are during the summer months, the Council would try and consider the parties booked throughout that period. **Action: Clerk**

06/114 Community Activities

- 114.1 The Firework Working Group recommended that the money collected (£ 1,416.00) from the display on Saturday 4th November would be distributed to the following Grange Park Community Groups:

Scout Explorer	£50.00
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The remaining amount of £1,366 will be equally divided to the five groups listed below:

Grange Park Scouts	
Grange Park Youth Club	
Grange Park Brownies	
Grange Park Church	
Grange Park W I	£273.20 each

The Clerk was asked to distribute the money accordingly and send out thank you letters. **Action: Clerk**

- 114.2 Cllr Cates suggested that perhaps an Events working group could be formed. The Council agreed that Cllr Cates would come back to the next meeting with a proposal for consideration.

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06/115 Website and Newsletter

115.1 The Council agreed that we should pay Abby Internet Services a sum of £500.00 per year to cover the cost of redeveloping our existing web site. It was also agreed to delegate Cllrs Smith and Walker to review in 3 months time the finances received by the Webmaster for all Local Directory fees.

Action: Cllrs Smith/Walker

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Webmaster outlining the decision reached above.

Action: Clerk

06/116 Correspondence

- Northamptonshire County Council – Local Bus Services - Noted
- Atkins – Invite to open day - Noted
- Thank you letter from Grange Park Cricket Club regarding Grant - Noted
- Recruiting Parish Constables - Noted
- Parish Council Election – 3rd May 2007 - Noted
- Northamptonshire County Council – Local Bus service – Noted

06/117 Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2006 @ 8.00pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.