



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, C Rees, C Nobbs, T Jainu-Deen, S Cates, G Proudley and J Foster

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

07/147 Public Questions

None

07/148 District Councillors Report – Tharik Jainu-Deen, Peter O’Leary

None to report. Apologies were received from District Councillor O’Leary.

07/149 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Ramsay and R Gerrard. It was agreed that it would be good practice if apologies for absence were given to the Clerk prior to the meeting date, in order for names to be recorded on the relevant minutes.

07/150 Declaration of Members Interest

None

07/151 Minutes of the meeting of 4th October 2007

151.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 4th October 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record after the following amendment was made:

07/136 – Name of the newspaper should read ‘Northampton Chronicle & Echo’

151.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

Cllr Nobbs reported that a response had been sent to NCC Education Dept regarding enlarging the school premises.

It was also noted that the financial breakdown required for the Church grant application would be deferred until later in the year. **Action: Cllr Nobbs**

07/152 Chairman’s Report

We have been advised that after the regular Health & Safety inspection three of the children’s playgrounds which are for the under 14 year olds have had to be closed. The scale of the damage indicates that it is due to vandalism by older children.

Behind the school another one of the side panels has been kicked out and another one of the hanging rings has been cut through,. Additionally bottles are being smashed within the play areas by slug guns, pellets have been found near the smashed bottles, rendering the play surface dangerous to small children.

Quintonside - Bolts have been removed from the protective fencing creating a dangerous finger trap.

Primrose Walk The metal fractures have been repaired but it has now been discovered that some bolts have been removed from some of the equipment again creating a dangerous finger trap.

The net result will mean the continuing cost of these repairs will have to be born by the Community Charge payers in next years Precept. These matters have been reported to the Police.

The Clerk was asked to speak to SNC regarding the installation of age limit signs on the play parks in order for our PCSO to enforce the removal of unwanted visitors. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Cllr Maurice Crowson who had informed him that he would be resigning from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Chairman requested that he put this in writing to the Clerk. **Action: Cllr Crowson**

The Chairman also sought approval from the Council to write to all Commercial businesses within Grange Park suggesting the sponsorship of roundabouts within the Parish. **Action: Clerk/Chairman**

07/153 Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked the meeting if they would be prepared to lease the land at the Rookery to the residents once it had been legally transferred to the Council from Prologis . The Council agreed that they had already considered this at the meeting held in June (Item no 07/93.4) and that they would not be prepared to lease the land. The Clerk was asked to pass on this message. **Action: Clerk**

It was also agreed that Grange Park Parish Council would be prepared to fund and install a notice board on the Community Land adjacent to the bottom car park in School Lane order for this land to be transferred to the Council from Prologis. The Clerk was asked to pass this message back to SNC who will seek legal advice. **Action: Clerk**

The Council also agreed to pursue the purchasing of information boards and use the funding from the County Councillor. The Clerk was asked to proceed with this item. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that an Open Day had been arranged for Friday 9th November 2007 at the Community Centre to view/comment on their submitted planning application. Leaflets will be posted to all residents within the Parish. **Action: Clerk**

07/154 Finance

154.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

07/155 Planning, Highways and Transportation

155.1 The Council considered the following planning applications:

Location:	6 Pine Close, Grange Park
Proposal:	Rear conservatory
Case Officer:	David Eastham
Observations:	No comment

155.2 No comments were made on the draft development brief at Silverstone.

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07/156 Administration and Staffing

Cllr Nobbs informed the meeting that the Caretaker had now returned to work after a short illness and had resumed normal working arrangements

07/157 Recreation and Amenities

157.1 It was agreed following a brief discussion that Cllr Jainu- Deen would speak to District Councillor O'Leary regarding his issues/concerns with the bus link and if necessary invite him to our next Parish Council meeting in December to discuss the issue further. It was agreed that Cllr Jainu- Deen would inform the Clerk of the outcome. **Action: Cllr Jainu- Deen/Clerk**

157.2 Cllr Smith circulated a finalised version of the planning application for Foxfields Pavilion/Car Park. All members present approved the planning application and associated cost of £1060 and requested that this information be submitted to SNC. **Action: Clerk**

The following issues are still ongoing:

- Business Plan
- Prologis Contract – to have an amendment in the contract to incorporate a plaque installed at the Pavilion.
- Approx timescales March – April 2008 - Construction to commence

157.3 It was noted that a letter had been received from SNC regarding the opportunity to acquire funding for a Multi Use Games Area for Grange Park. It was agreed that the principle was good but a location needs to be identified. The Clerk was asked to advertise it on the website and gain comments/suggestions from local residents. **Action: Clerk**

157.4 It was noted that several residents within the Parish would like allotments and a location has been sought (Land to the left of Lark Lane – behind Littlefield) It was agreed and approved that the Council would be happy to consider the options but would need to investigate further into the legal ownership of the land etc. The Council agreed to delegate the Chairman/Clerk to investigate and report back their findings at a future council meeting. **Action: Chairman/ Clerk**

07/158 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

158.1 Proposed drawings were circulated to all members present outlining the extension of the Parish Office to provide meeting room space. The Council agreed and approved that this work needed to be done as meeting room facilities were limited at the Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and availability. **Action: Clerk**

07/159 Community Activities

159.1 The following issues regarding the fireworks were discussed and agreed:

- Firework Display on Saturday 3rd November
- Donation of £50.00 to be given to the Scouts for the use of their marquee
- Cllrs Stansfield /Foster to collect litter after the event and the following morning
- 10% donation to be given to the scouts for assisting on the evening with the collection of the donations.
- To encourage visitors to use the Community Centre Car Park – Cllrs Stansfield/Foster will advertise.

07/160 Website and Newsletter

160.1 The Chairman reported that the newsletter will be distributed at the end of November 2007.

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Correspondence

- Northamptonshire Waste Partnership – Lets Talk Rubbish questionnaire – passed to Cllr Stansfield for comment
- Letter received from Bell way Homes regarding the a donation to the flooding at Bluebell Rise, Grange Park - Noted
- Northamptonshire County Council – Minerals and Waste Development - Noted

07/162

Date of the Next Meeting

162.1 The following dates were approved:

Thursday 6th December 2007.

It was noted that due to the Christmas holidays we would defer our January meeting to Thursday 17th 2008

162.2 Items received for the next agenda:

- Apologies received from Cllr Tharik Jainu-Deen
- Firework Party, Summer BBQ for 2008
- Neighbourhood Watch – the purchase of signs
- Parking at the Luxury Retirement Homes

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.10pm.

