



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th November 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, S. Cates, C Nobbs

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

08/155 Public Questions

None

08/156 District Councillors Report

None

08/157 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Foster, Ellington, Jainu-Deen, G Proudley

08/158 Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Chairman reported that Grange Park Parish Council had one vacancy for the post of co-opted Councillor. It was noted that only 1 application had been received from resident: Mr Neil Wilson.

The Council agreed to co-opt the above candidate and he duly signed the listed forms: The code of conduct, acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms.

The Parish Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Clive Rees.

08/159 Declaration of Members Interest

None received.

08/160 Minutes of the meeting of 2nd October 2008

160.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 2nd October 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record after an amendment was made to the list of attendees.

160.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

It was noted that street cleansing has not been completed within the top part of Wake Way. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the contractors. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk reported that 2 quotes had been obtained from distribution companies: Mailshot Services and Jeyes Leaflet Distribution. It was agreed to defer the decision until the next meeting but in the interim we would use K R Distributions. **Action: Agenda Item**

It was agreed that all Councillors and the Clerk would make a conscious effort to decrease the number of outstanding actions. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy to all councillors prior to the next meeting **Action: Clerk**

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08/161

Chairman's Report

161.1 The Chairman reported that a file had been set up for all meeting notes and actions . This can be viewed prior to any Council Meetings.

The Chairman also reported that he would like the Parish Council to send a letter of thanks to Barclaycard and a special thanks to Cllrs Smith and Ellington for the organising of the event and for the hard work that was done to clear out the brook at Foxfields Country Park. The Clerk was asked to write an appropriate letter.
Action: Clerk

161.2 The Council agreed to write the Northamptonshire County Council in support of the letter that had been sent from Milton Malsor Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to draft an appropriate response.
Action: Clerk

161.3 The Chairman reported that himself and the Clerk had attended the NCALC AGM and collected our certificate for Quality Status. This certificate is now on display in the foyer at the Community Centre

08/162

Clerk's Report

162.1 The Clerk informed the Council that SNC had advised us that any flytipping within our parish will not be picked up by them as we were unadopted. The issue has been given to our District Councillor and he will update us at the next meeting.
Action: District Councillor

162.2 It was agreed that Cllr Cates/Walker would attend an informal meeting to meet the new management at South Northamptonshire Council on the 3rd December 2008. **Action: Cllrs Cates/Walker**

08/163

Finance

163.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2. It was suggested that we may want to look at CPS for a price comparison when purchasing future electrical/cleaning items for the Community Centre.
Action: Clerk

163.2 The Parish Council noted the report received and issues raised from the external auditor for the year ended 31st March 2008 and actioned the Clerk to resolve any recommendations.
Action: Clerk

163.3 The Chairman reported that some arboreal work is needed around the Parish and that our landscape consultants are looking at specific locations and cost. It was agreed that if the cost was less than £3000 they would be happy to delegate Cllr Walker to proceed and authorise the works.

163.4 The Council agreed that if needed the Clerk has the authority to obtain boundary information from the Land registry at a cost of £3.00 per each transaction.

163.5 To Council approved and agreed the Financial Risk Assessment.

163.6 The Council approved the increase of 5% for the emptying and servicing of the dog waste bins from April 2009.

08/164

Planning, Highways and Transportation

The following applications were considered:

08/0208/DCNWNS

Location: Land at Saxon Avenue, Grange Park
Proposal: Design statement
Case Officer: Matthew Berry
Observations: Re-iterate our previous comments

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S/2008/1398/P

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park
Proposal: Extension to bin store to provide air handling plant enclosure
Case Officer: David Eastham
Observations: No comment

S/2008/1414/A

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park
Proposal: 2 no single sided and 1 no double sided internally illuminated totem signs
Case Officer: David Eastham
Observations: No comment

S/2008/1413/A

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park
Proposal: 4 no. internally illuminated fascia signs
Case Officer: David Eastham
Observations: No comment

S/2008/1056/P

Location: New Dwelling
Proposal: Complete change of design for proposed dwelling
Case Officer: Peter Bateman
Observations: We strongly object to the above proposal on the following basis:

- Overdevelopment of the Site
- Entry/egress problems as the proposed development are on the corner of an already busy junction and also a very active bus route.
- Overlooking adjoining properties
- Lack of planning consultation with existing properties especially those residents who purchased their houses adjacent/adjoining or in close proximity to the development with the expectation that no further substantial development would occur.
- We are also concerned that a business may be running from the residential property (taxis) and the future relocation of the parking of the existing fleet of cars if this application were to be granted.

S/2008/1415/P

Location: 31 The Meadows, Grange Park
Proposal: Erection of 165cm fence adjacent to public land (retrospective)
Case Officer: Alan Munn
Observations: No comment

The Clerk was asked to obtain details from the land registry on the above location. **Action: Clerk**

164.2 No other planning applications to be considered

164.3 Cllr Cates will give a update on traffic calming signs at the next meeting in Decemeber. **Action: Clerk**

164.4 The Parish Council noted the new Hotel address of the Campanile Hotel Northampton, Loake Close, Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5EZ

08/165 Administration and Staffing

165.1 It was noted, approved and agreed that all staff would receive the National interim salary award applicable from 1st April 2008. The Council also decided that all staff and the editor of the newsletter would be sent a Christmas hamper.

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Recreation and Amenities

166.1 Cllr Smith reported that a meeting had been held with D W Clarke, Drainage Contractor for Foxfields Country Park. At the meeting it was agreed that due to weather and pitch conditions it was not feasible to start the contract until the weather improved. It was anticipated that this could be in the Spring 2009, although would be monitored and may start earlier.

Cllr Smith also mentioned that he needed to contact Grange Park Cricket Club regarding the orientation of the cricket square.

The legal transfers were still being actively pursued by our Solicitors.

166.2 The Council agreed and approved to continue mowing Saxon Avenue and part of Bridgemeanow Way(adopted road) as part of our cutting regime in 2008 and collect the allocated sum of £21.95 from Northampton County Council.

Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

167.1 The Council agreed that due to some 13-21 year old parties getting out of hand and causing some damage to the Community Centre facilities that a deposit of £250 would be required. It was also agreed that all parties would be reviewed monthly and any problems brought to Council for discussion.

167.2 It was agreed and approved that a small domestic cooker be purchased and installed in the small hall in the Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to purchase the above item at a cost no more than £300.
Action: Clerk

167.3 Cllr Ramsay reported that there had been a 16th birthday party and that some uninvited guests had caused damage to the external fences and the Bowling Green. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to implement item no 167.1 of these minutes and to also pay and rectify the damage caused. It was therefore agreed to pay the Bowling Green £100 and to ask John Baines, Local handyman to mend the broken fence.
Action: Clerk

Community Activities

168.1 Cllr Nobbs gave an update on the firework display on Saturday 8th November 2008 and circulated a timetable of events. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would pay Grange Park Scout group £50.00 for the use of the marquees and also give a donation of 10% of the income as a thank you for them helping to collect the donations on the night.

The Parish Council decided to spend the sum of £3,000 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 which allows us to spend a limited amount on activities which will bring direct benefit to the Community.

Concern was expressed that several Firework advertising signs had been removed and kept by a local resident.

A risk assessment had been completed and was electronically sent to all Councillors for information.

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting to allow Cllr Nobbs to attend another meeting.

Cllr Nobbs left the meeting at 8.00pm

168.2 It was noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting is on the 9th December at the Community Centre.
Action: Agenda Item/Clerk

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08/169 Website and Newsletter

169.1 The ad-hoc delivery of the newsletters around Grange Park were discussed under item 160.2 and a decision was deferred until the next meeting.

169.2 The Chairman reported that we have put the following notice on the website under the forum item:

“The forum on this website is for residents to have the freedom of speech to other residents within the Parish. If anyone feels that their issues need to be addressed by the Parish Council please forward them to the Parish Clerk on parishclerk@grangeparkpc.org who will bring them to the attention of the Council for action.

08/170 Correspondence

None

08/171 Date of the Next Meeting

171.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 4th December 2008.

171.2 The Following items will be included on the agenda:

- Signs
- Updates on Action List – Appendix 1 of the minutes
- Commercial company quotes for Leaflet Drops
- Update on Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
- Update on the Firework Display

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

