

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), C Fry (Vch), M Aluko, S Dawson, A Walker, J Proudley, N Stansfield, J Walker, N Jackson, C Powell and J Davies.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk).

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Ken Francis, consultant of R&G Maintenance attended to discuss issues in relation to the Parish Council's Contract 5 and woodland maintenance within our parish.

12/147 Public Questions

Nothing to report

12/148 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Tharik Jainu-Deen attended our meeting and gave the following update:

- SNC are currently looking at revised committee arrangements.
- No further information on upgrading the broadband system is available. All information will be posted on our website www.grangeparkpc.org

12/149 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor S Allen due to business commitments.

12/150 Declaration of Members Interest

No declarations were received.

12/151 Minutes of the Council meeting of 4th October 2012

151.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 4th October 2012 and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

151.2 No matters arising.

12/152 Chairman's Report

152.1 All relevant items will be covered within the meeting.

12/153 Parish Clerk's Report

153.1 The Parish Council approved and agreed that the revised code of conduct adopted by the South Northamptonshire Council be adopted as the revised code for members and co-opted members of the Grange Park Parish Council with effect from the 8th November 2012. The Clerk was requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of South Northamptonshire Council to the agreement of the above document.

153.2 It was noted that the 'Flying Start Course' is scheduled for Thursday 22nd November from 7-9pm at Foxfields Country Park.

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- 153.3 It was agreed and approved to delegate the Parish Clerk and Cllr J Walker to review/confirm and publish the following documents on the website:
- Financial Regulations
 - Standing Orders
 - Complaints Procedure
 - Disciplinary Procedure
 - Greivance
 - Health and Safety & Fire Assessment
 - Training Statement of Intent
 - Camping Policy
 - Equal Opportortunities
 - Financial Risk Assessment

12/154 Finance

- 154.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for October 2012. It was noted that Cllr N Stansfield would monitor the Dog Bin Cleaning contract and report back his findings at the next parish council meeting.
- 154.2 The Council approved and agreed that the accounts had been monitored up to September 30th 2012 and signed as a true record.

12/155 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 155.1 The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

Location: 6 Lodge Close, Grange Park
Proposal: Conversion of integral garage to create a habitable room
Case Officer: Pritesh Shah
Observations: No comment

- 155.2 No planning approval/refusal decisions were received.

- 155.3 The Parish Council considered the following items:

- To provide an overflow carpark at Foxfields following numerous complaints from hirers of the venue. This would preserve disabled spaces and the location would allow for an additional 30/35 spaces. The Parish Council decided to pursue this issue and submit a planning application to SNC for consideration. **Action: Cllr J Walker**
- It was agreed to ask R&G if they would identify a suitable location for some additional floodlights at Foxfield Country Park. This issue is not going to be pursued further at the moment.
- Storage Container – It was noted that some remedial work had been done in the store room. It was agreed to see if the above works have alleviated the problems and will consider later in the year.
- Not to pursue the football pitches at the western side of the parish due to the lack of suitable land available.

12/156 Staffing

- 156.1 An update was given on the resignation of our Assistant Clerk.

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Grange Park Community & Sports Association (GPC&SA)

157.1 Cllr Smith reported on the following items:

- The Chairman of the GPC&SA was asked to arrange a meeting with the Bowls Club to discuss in detail the current running arrangements and the proposal for the alterations in the Community Centre.
- It was noted that we have asked an independent builder for a quote for the above works.
- A letter has been sent to the football clubs regarding the tariff rates for the season 2012/13.
- A new development plan has been formulated by the Football Foundation and circulated to GP Rangers, Wooldale and GPC&SA for consideration.

12/158

Environment

158.1 Cllr J Walker gave a verbal report on the status of the allotments:

- Spoken to the developer who has no objection in principle to our proposal for a vehicular access, but will not give formal approval until after the adoption process is complete – estimate February to March 2013.
- An attempt has been made to arrange a meeting with SNC for pre-submission advice, basically to avoid the problems with earlier applications and to clarify precisely what details they require on our new application. The issues have become complicated when NCC asserted that any new application for change of use would only be acceptable to them if it included a vehicle access.
- A suitable revised application will be submitted. **Action: Cllr J Walker**

158.2 The Council agreed and approved the following:

- To complete the hedgerow works along Middle Hedge (Badger Lane)
- To deal with the numerous complaints regarding overhanging bushes/trees
- To put notices on the trees at Spinney Wood informing local residents that there is a blanket TPO on this area and that it is an offence to cut any of the trees down without obtaining consent from the Parish Council.
- Grange Park Rangers will get in touch with Ken Francis regarding the 9V9 pitch dimensions.
- Street Cleansing within the Parish

12/159

Communication

159.1 Cllr Fry reported that the newsletter has recently been circulated to all residents within the Parish. It was noted that the office staff had formulated this edition using the new Microsoft publisher software. It was agreed that we would try and enlarge the font and include a Chairman's /Grange Park Parish report in every edition. **Action: Parish Clerk**

It was also noted that Grange Park Resident's Facebook is totally separate from the parish council and not recognised by the Parish Council as an official communication tool. If you have any issues, please contact the Parish Council directly on parishclerk@grangeparkpc.org.

It was agreed that the Council would have a group photograph taken of them and placed on the website. The Parish Clerk was asked to arrange something for the new year. **Action: Parish Clerk**

159.2 Cllr S Dawson reported that he had attended Woodland View Primary School and gave a presentation to years 4, 5 and 6 on a competition to design a logo for the Parish Council. The children will be working on their designs over the October half term and the school will agree the top six and submit them to Council to decide the winners and allocate the prizes. **Action: Cllr Dawson**

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- 159.3 Cllr Fry reported that she was disappointed that only three members of the Youth Club helped out at our recent firework event. No other comments were received. **Action: Cllr Fry**
- 159.4 The Chairman thanked everyone who helped out on another great evening with the fireworks on Saturday November 3rd 2012. All donations received (after expenses) will be given to the Air Ambulance (approx. £1300). Residents are still donating.
- Once all the monies have been received a cheque will be given to Air Ambulance and a photo-shoot will be arranged. This will be published in the next edition of the Grange Park news.
- Action: Parish Clerk**
- The Parish Clerk will ask R&G if they would to do a litter pick in the embankment at the eastern side of Foxfields as there was a lot of debris from the fireworks. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- It was also agreed that we would book the same Firework show for next year on Saturday 2nd November 2013 and confirmed the need to sort out the music issues. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 159.5 The Parish Council discussed the possibility of organising a Family Christmas Disco as we still had a lot of stock left from the Queens Jubilee due to poor weather conditions on the day. It was proposed that we hold a family disco at the community centre on Saturday 15th December from 7 until midnight – limited tickets will be available (Adults £2, children £1). The Parish Clerk was asked to apply for a TENS licence. Posters will be put on Grange Park residents Facebook, Noticeboards, Grange Park Parish Council website. **Action: Parish Clerk**

12/160 Correspondence

160.1 Correspondence:

- A grant request had been received from 1st Grange Park Brownies to assist in a camping event next year. The Parish Council agreed to donate £250 towards this fundraising project. *(Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19.* **Action: Parish Clerk**
- Cllr Fry informed the meeting that there is a Community Quiz Night to be held at Richmond Retirement Village on Wednesday 21st November 2012 and it would be nice to have a team from the Parish Council. All Councillors were asked to Contact Cllr Fry directly on Claire.fry70@02.co.uk
- The Chairman reported that he is doing some fundraising for Movember. Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

12/161 Administration & Service Request

The following requests were noted:

- To repaint BT box 85T by The Meadows, Grange Park
- To ask the Police if we could monitor speeding throughout our parish now that some of the roads have been adopted.
- To discuss a protocols/procedure for requests to purchase land within the Parish
- Congregation of youth at the Car park adjacent to the Community Centre
- All posters to be removed on lamppost

12/162 Date of the Next Meeting

162.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

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