

**GRANGE PARK PARISH
COUNCIL**
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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014 AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.**

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Ash, D Harris, A Walker, M Aluko, K Clarke, W Shakespeare, S Allen, C Fry, N Stansfield and J Davis,

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

14/154 Public Questions

154.1 Mr Paul Woodridge and Jo Fitzpatrick, local residents joined the meeting to discuss the re-opening of the youth Club. He tabled a proposal for the Parish Council to consider including pre-opening requirements, post opening and FAQ's. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and advised him that it would be considered by the Council later under agenda item 163.4.

14/155 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor M Clarke updated the council on the recent meetings in relation to superfast broadband. The following update will be put on the website:

'Since the last meeting of the Parish Council on October 2nd, I organised a meeting for the Chairman to meet with the NCC Director, Tony Ciaburrow at County Hall. The meeting took place on October 16th and was also attended by Cllr. Gonzales deSavage, who is the Councillor responsible for the SF Broadband programme. All the issues germane to BT connecting the whole of Grange Park with Super Fast fibre optic Broadband were discussed. Part of Grange Park is already connected to SF Broadband.

BT consider that the required technical solution will be expensive. This in part includes the removal of TPON and BT had gone on to say that it is no longer commercially viable for it to deliver a solution without significant public sector "gapfunding". NCC has required BT to work up and provide evidence to justify the estimate of £500,000. The report is still awaited from BT. On receipt it will be examined by the NCC Broadband team and NCC will respond. This is clearly a very significant sum just for one community.

In the meantime NCC has indicated a contribution of £200,000 from the County Council. The remainder would be sought from the District Council, SNC, and a contribution from Grange Park Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the two newly elected District Councillors for Grange Park and request an early meeting with the SNC Leader and portfolio holder to lobby for the necessary financial support. When the position of SNC is made clear- and the extent of the support for Grange Park – we will be able to agree the best way forward, including all the options, and the timetable.

Cllr M Clarke also informed the meeting that many people are exploring the need to install a broadband satellite system and that there are many companies that provide this service (AVON was one that was quoted).

A meeting has been requested with SNC. District Cllr S Clifford is organising this and a date is yet to be confirmed.

Action: **District Councillor S Clifford**

Gritting service is currently in operation and salt and bins will be provided to Grange Park.

14/156 Apologies for Absence

156.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Sean Dawson and also our PCSO Amy Thompson. The Council asked if we could request the attendance of our PCSO at the next meeting to introduce herself and also update us on any Grange Park issues. **Action: Parish Clerk**

14/157 Declaration of Members Interest

157.1 The following declarations were made:

- Cllrs M Smith, A Walker and W Shakespeare declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to the allotments/Lark Lane.
- Cllr S Allen declared an interest in the quote received for the tree works within the Parish,

14/158 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 2nd October 2014

158.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes dated 2nd October and signed them as a true record.

158.2 No matters were arising

14/159 Chairman's Report

159.1 All items covered in the agenda.

159.2 The Chairman reported on the meeting held with the Football Foundation, Wooldale and Grange Park Rangers. The outcome of the meeting is that Wooldale FC would like to resign from the partnership and continue playing at another location. Although this principle was agreed, an official letter confirming this decision has to be sent to the Football Foundation from Wooldale FC.

It was also noted that the Football Foundation and Association acknowledged their failings in the activation of the partnership that they would look into future management, finances and for some pitch grant funding. Ian Tinto, Head of Football Development will organise a pitch inspection and also look into creating some service level agreements.

159.3 Following the above update on Superfast Broadband (item 155.1). The Parish Council felt that if any public money were to be given by the Parish Council then a public referendum may be called upon.

14/160 Parish Clerk's Report

160.1 It was noted that the 'Chairman's Christmas Do' this year would take place on Friday 5th December from 8 o'clock until late and will be held in the café/bar area located at the Community Centre. All staff, councillors and partners will be invited. The Parish Clerk was asked to book a buffet and organise invites. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

The following arrangements were made for Saturday 8th November – Firework display:

*10.30 To set up Marquee
1.00pm To fix and install boundary tape
5.00pm All staff, volunteers to arrive to set up bar and BBQ*

It was also agreed that the donation monies received on entrance would be given back to the community with 10% of it being donated to the scouts for helping on the day.

160.2 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would attend a meeting with SNC to discuss S106 contributions from Zone F, Grange Park on Friday 7th November at 3pm within the Parish Office. **Action: Parish Clerk**

14/161 Finance

161.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for October 2014. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).

161.2 Cllr S Ash reported that he is working on the accounts for the income and expenditure which has

The Council agreed and approved to terminate the agreement with Youth Inspired. It was agreed that Cllr Fry would organise a meeting with Youth Inspired to discuss and report back at the next Parish Council meeting in December.

Action: Cllr Fry

14/164 Administration & Staffing

164.1 The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Administrator is able to attend the CiLCA course. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the course, allow time off to attend college and any reference books needed. All additional time for the submission of the portfolio needs to be in your personal time.

It was also noted that we need to recruit a weekend caretaker after the new year. The Parish Clerk was asked to formulate an advert which will be approved at the next Parish Council meeting in December

Action: Parish Clerk

164.2 The Parish Council approved the following opening hours over the festive season :
Parish Office Close from 19th Dec and re-open 6th Jan 2015
Community Centre/Foxfields Close from 24th Dec and re-open 4th Jan 2015.

14/165 Environment

165.1 All issues on the contract 5 log sheets are being reviewed and monitored regularly

165.2 Cllr N Stansfield requested clarification on the works that have been done on the pond at Foxfields Country Park. The Chairman reported that he had attended site on the day and oversaw the works being undertaken . It was noted that the pond had been dug out to various depths to lessen the impact of the ecological environment. The depth was also a problem in certain areas due to the soil becoming stone. Most of the vegetation and reeds had been removed

It was noted that if Councillors are unable to attend previous meetings, then decisions which have been made should not be subjected to more discussion unless further/additional information has been obtained.

165.3 It was noted that two quotes had been tabled for the tree works within our Parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council preferred option would be our present internal contractor. The Parish Clerk was asked to liaise with R&G Landscape regarding a suitable price for the works. These works need to be completed as per the tree surgeon time constrains. The Parish Clerk was delegated to proceed with this request.

165.4 It was noted that a quote had been received for some planting at Wren Close, Grange Park . The quote was for £350. After a brief discussion , it was decided to vote on the following:

In principle we agree with the works and the quote obtained, although we would just like to seek clarification on the range of plants which are being used. Vote: 8 approved and 3 Councillors objected.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would e-mail all Councillors with the planting regime.

Action: Parish Clerk

165.5 It was noted that we are progressing with the discharge of Condition 1 of our planning application at the allotments at Lark Lane . Plans have been e-mailed to all Councillors for information

165.6 It was noted that the Noise Management Plan for Foxfield Pavilion has been approved and can be viewed on <http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=72590>

14/166 Communication

166.1 It was noted that the next edition of the Newsletter is scheduled for February 2015.

166.2 It was noted that 8 children had been signed up for the Notivate Project which will run until the end of December.

166.3 It was agreed to delegate Cllr K Clarke to arrange the next 'themed evening' for the café/bar in the new year.

Action: Cllr K Clarke

- 166.4 The Parish Council considered the proposal to join the Northampton Voluntary Car Share Scheme but felt as there seems to be no demand from the residents of Grange Park that they would not pursue the matter any further.
- 166.5 The Parish Council agreed that for the recent tree report should be put on our website with a link to the facebook page.
- 166.6 The Council considered a request from Grange Park pre-school regarding their parents evening and the supply of alcohol. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to allow them to purchase the wine from the café/bar at a discounted rate of £6 per bottle.
- 166.7 The Council agreed that the ‘Fruit & Veg ‘ can stay as long as required with the same terms and conditions as previously agreed with a £30 per week rental charge.

14/167 Correspondence

- 167.1 No correspondence received.

14/168 Administration & Service Request

Cllr D Harris asked if she could obtain some information and prices for a leather 3 piece suite which will be used in the café/bar area. This request was granted to investigate more.

14/169 Date of the Next Meeting

- 169.1 The following meetings of the Council will be held on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm and Thursday January 8th at 7.00pm to listen to the Notivate achievements. All meetings will be held at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm .