



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2007 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs M Smith (CH), A Stansfield, C Rees, C Nobbs, T Jainu-Deen, S Cates, G Proudley, D Ramsay

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

07/131 Public Questions

Local residents joined the meeting to discuss the bus stop located at Quintonside expressing particular concern with regards to motorist overtaking the bus when picking up passengers and causing concern to oncoming traffic on the opposite side of the road. The Chairman thanked them for their comments and informed them that we were liaising with the NCC and Stagecoach and will discuss the issue further at our next Parish Council Meeting when more information is available.

Action: Agenda item for November

07/132 District Councillors Report – Tharik Jainu-Deen, Peter O’Leary

None to report

07/133 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Walker, J Foster and R Gerrard .

07/134 Declaration of Members Interest

None .

07/135 Minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2007

135.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 6th September 2007 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

135.2 Matters arising
See Appendix 1

07/136 Chairman’s Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Play Park at Primrose Walk had been closed due to stress fractures on the climbing frame caused by normal wear and tear. This has been reported in this week’s edition of the Northamptonshire Echo and Chronicle and also on Grange Park Parish Councils website.

It was agreed that the Clerk/ Chairman would chase up any outstanding snagging issues with Moody’s (Contractors for Bellway Homes).

Action: Clerk/Chairman

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07/137 Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the meeting that the new code provided the opportunity in Section 12.2 for Members to attend a meeting and speak, even if they have personal and prejudicial interests. **Action: All Members**

07/138 Finance

138.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

138.2 The Council considered a grant request from Grange Park Brownies and agreed to donate £250 towards their running cost. The Clerk was asked to sort out the relevant paperwork **Action: Clerk**

138.3 The Council agreed to defer the grant request from Kairos, Grange Park Church until we received a breakdown and an estimated donation they feel Grange Park Parish Council would consider. Cllr Nobbs was asked to bring this information to our next meeting in November. **Action: Cllr Nobbs**

07/139 Planning, Highways and Transportation

139.1 The Council considered the following planning applications:

S/2007/1216/P

Location: 37 Swift Close, Grange Park
Proposal: Single Storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side
Case Officer: Alan Munn
Observations: No comment

S/2007/1264/P

Location: 35 Swift Close, Grange Park
Proposal: Porch to front, first floor extension over existing garage and single storey extension and conservatory to rear
Case Officer: Peter Bateman
Observations: No comment

Location: Land to the east of the District Centre and housing development off Saxon Avenue Grange Park
Proposal: Hard and Soft Landscaping details for Grange Valley Greenway central section
Case Officer: Angela Whitfield
Observations: It was agreed to delegate any comments to Quartet Design (David Newman)
Action: Quartet Design

139.2 A Summary of responses from the Public Consultation meeting held with Frontiers had been circulated to all Council Members.

139.3 No planning decisions were received.

139.4 The Meeting agreed to delegate Cllr Nobbs and the Clerk to speak to Woodland View Primary School Headteacher and then formulate a response to the letter received from Northamptonshire County Council regarding the proposal to enlarge the premises. **Action: Cllr Nobbs/Clerk**

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07/140 Administration and Staffing

140.1 Cllr Nobbs reported that the Working Group met with Graham Blatchford for his 3 month review. Cllr Nobbs circulated a report outlining all the details and issues raised. A copy of the report is attached to the master copy of the minutes.

Cllr Nobbs and District Councillor Janiu Deen left the meeting at 8.35pm. Before Cllr Nobbs left the meeting he updated the council on the current situation regarding the firework display. . This information will be minuted under item 143.1

07/141 Recreation and Amenities

141.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he would write an article in the next edition of the newsletter seeking resident’s opinion on the area by the bus link being used to provide a multi purpose games area. **Action: Cllr Smith**

141.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to David Newman to get more information in relation to cost and location of picnic benches and tables. **Action: Clerk**

141.3 The Council agreed to delegate Cllrs Walker/Stansfield and the Clerk to get more information regarding the location and cost of litter bins and to also speak to Stagecoach asking for litter bins to be located at each bus stop throughout the parish. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was also asked to speak to Bellway Homes about the current litter issues. **Action: Clerk**

141.4 The Clerk was asked to speak to the supplier regarding the updating of the map once the all the roads within the parish have been completed. **Action: Clerk**

141.5 Cllr Smith updated the meeting on the current situation with regards to the Pavilion. He made the following comments:

- Currently looking at the location of the Car Park – following concerns expressed from the residents of Lady Smock Close.
- Liaising with specialist companies regarding the condition of the football pitches
- Continuing with the formation of the business plan in order to obtain Football Foundation Funding.

It was agreed that updates will be given at each meeting. **Action: Cllr Smith**

07/142 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green

142.1 It was agreed that the Community Centre would be closed over the Christmas Break and re-open on the Thursday 3rd January 2008. The only exception would be for the Church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

142.2 It was agreed to keep all the crockery at the moment until we know what is needed at the Pavilion at Fox fields Country Park.

142.3 Cllr Ramsay informed the meeting that when the whole Community Centre is booked out to one hirer it causes some difficulties. It was agreed that know that a Cleaner has been organised to come in on Sunday morning this may alleviate the problem. The Clerk was asked to monitor the situation. **Action: Clerk**

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07/143 Community Activities

143.1 Cllr Nobbs informed the meeting that the expenditure to the council this year will be £2,000 net. It was noted that some of this expenditure will be recoverable from the donations received on the night. He asked for if anyone would be interested to help on the day to set up the display and various stalls. Please contact Cllr Nobbs if you are able to give up a few hours during the day on Saturday 3rd November.

07/144 Website and Newsletter

144.1 The Chairman reported that all articles for the newsletter need to be submitted to the Editor by 19th October 2007.

Action: All Members

07/145 Correspondence

- SNC – Licensing Act 2003 – 3 yearly review - Original with Cllr Smith

07/146 Date of the Next Meeting

146.1 The following dates were approved:

1st November 2007 – Parish Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.55pm.

