

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2012 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Candidates for co-option, Cath Powell and Natalie Jackson

12/129 Public Questions

Jenny Evans, Youth Co-ordinator and two members of the Youth Club joined the meeting to update us on the following issues:

- Numbers attending the weekly sessions have increased
- Schedule of activities has been created i.e. fun, craft and talks discussing issues that affect young people.
- Youth Council being created.
- Eight Youth members have volunteered to help at the Firework Display.
- Youth members will visit Richmond Care Home helping with some of their recreation projects.
- No anti – social behaviour issues to report.

12/130 County/District Councillors Report

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

- Currently looking into the installation of faster broadband within the parish. He informed the meeting that some residents within our parish may be receiving faster broadband and that he would obtain some information and put it on our website.
- The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to highways about the moving of the entrance/ egress from the Budgens site.
Action: Parish Clerk

12/131 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors J Walker, N Stansfield, S Allen, J Proudley and District Councillor Mark Davidson due to personal/business commitments.

12/132 Declaration of Members Interest

No declarations were received.

12/133 Minutes of the Council meeting of 6th September 2012

133.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 6th September 2012 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendment had been made:

To include Cllr A Walker in the list of attendees.

133.2 Matters arising

To include on the list the installation of bollards and the Logo competition.

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12/134 Co-option of Councillors

Two applications had been received from local residents who wished to be considered for the post of co-opted Parish Councillor. The council agreed and approved that Natalie Jackson and Cath Powell be duly co-opted. The Parish Clerk asked them to sign the appropriate forms.

12/135 Chairman's Report

135.1 All relevant items will be covered within the meeting.

12/136 Parish Clerk's Report

136.1 No report received.

12/137 Finance

137.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for September 2012.

137.2 It was agreed that a Finance Working Group meeting will be scheduled for Thursday 18th October at 7.00pm .

12/138 Planning, Highways and Transportation

138.1 Cllr Aluko reported that reserved matters had been received for the new development at Saxon Avenue (Old Ikea Site) – The Parish Council had no observations to be submitted

138.2 No approval/refusal planning decisions were received.

138.3 It was noted that the retrospective planning application for the floodlights at Foxfields was granted in March 2012 and the only condition stated on the approval notice was:

The floodlights hereby permitted shall not be illuminated after 10pm on any day.

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council were happy for the site to be used for football training sessions within the week (Tues, Wed and Thurs).

138.4 The Parish Council agreed that in principle they had no objections to the land adjacent to the allotments being used to graze horses although they were unable to make that decision until the land had been transferred and access issues resolved.

138.5 The Chairman informed the meeting that an estimated cost had been received from Chris Smiths Development for the internal alterations at the community centre (cost at £100k). It was noted that we are still awaiting a proposal from the Bowls Club. Cllr A Walker was asked to liaise .

Action: Cllr A Walker

138.6 The Parish Council approved the expenditure in relation to the new directional signs. The cost of the scheme is £2,500. Northampton County Council will deliver the scheme which includes the design, manufacture, installation and future maintenance **Action: Parish Clerk**

12/139 Staffing

139.1 All staffing issues were discussed under item 12/144.1.

139.2 It was noted that all staff have signed new employment contracts incorporating the new changes in the employment law.

12/140 Grange Park Community & Sports Association (GPC&SA)

140.1 Cllr Smith reported on the following items:

- GPC&SA are currently focusing on the issues regarding the football development plan. A meeting with the Football Foundation, representatives from Wooldale , Grange Park Rangers, GPC&SA and the Chairman of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 8th October 2012
- The noise limiter had been installed and set appropriately.
- The Pavilion planning conditions state that the site will be closed at midnight and no TENS licence can be applied for after this time.
- Fireworks procedure has been received by the District Council and will be put on our website for information.

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12/141 Environment

- 141.1 The Chairman updated those members of the public present on the current issues at the allotments. It was agreed that we would ask John Lawrence if he is able/willing to produce drawings/specification for the new proposed vehicle access in order that we can submit it to SNC for planning consideration. Bellway have e-mailed us (as current landowners) and they have no objections in principle as long as these works are done after highway adoption of the bus link.
- 141.2 It was noted that a progress report had been sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting outlining the current issues and works that have been completed. Ken Francis (Landscape Consultant) is meeting with the Forestry Commission in order to discuss/seek advice on the thinning of the pioneers within our parish and will report back at the next meeting. The Parish Council agreed to two days tree/thinning of the pioneers work in order to assess the amount of time/ cost and priorities before works can commence on the whole of the Parish. **Action: Clerk**

12/142 Communication

- 142.1 Cllr Fry reported that Microsoft Publisher has been purchased and will be used on the formulation of the next edition of the newsletter. The deadline date for article submission is Friday 12th October 2012.
- 142.2 Cllr S Dawson informed the parish council that a meeting took place with the website administrator earlier this week and it is proposed to:
- E-mail all councillors with the link and request comments by Monday 15th October
 - Webmaster to collate all the comments and amend the new website accordingly
 - To go LIVE on the 22nd October.
 - It was noted that links need to be added to include the hiring of facilities, street doctor and procedures and policies.
- Action: all Councillors**

Cllr S Dawson has a meeting with Mark Thomas, Head teacher of Woodland View Primary School on Friday 5th October to discuss giving a presentation to the older children on the running of a competition to design a logo for Grange Park Parish Council which will be included on our headed paper and new website. The prizes will be 1st: £30 and 6 runners up £5 gift vouchers. It was agreed that the school would choose the top seven entries and submit them to the Parish Council to allocate the prizes.

Action: Cllr S Dawson

- 142.3 An update on the running of the Youth Club was discussed under agenda item 12/129 of these minutes.
- 142.4 It was noted that a working group meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Firework Display on the 3rd November will take place at the end of the full council meeting. All members present were invited.

12/143 Correspondence

- 143.1 Correspondence:
- NCALC – suggestions for courses. The Clerk was asked to speak to NCALC about a flying start course being run at the Pavilion/Community Centre as a number of councillors within our council had not attended the course.
- Action: Parish Clerk**

12/144 Exclusion of Press and Public

- 144.1 Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted members of the public were asked to leave the meeting. The notes of this part of the meeting will only be attached to the originals.

12/145 Administration & Service Request

None.

12/146 Date of the Next Meeting

- 146.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 8th November 2012 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.