

# GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch), M Smith, A Stansfield, D Ramsay, T Jainu-Deen, L Ellington, S Cates, C Nobbs , J Foster

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Donna Bowater (Northampton Echo & Chronicle), PC Roger Smith and Richard Markham (PCSO)

### 08/121 Public Questions

The police gave a verbal report on the crime statistics associated with Grange Park. It was also noted that a Community Panel meeting had been arranged where local residents identify local priorities. The Priorities which were identified for Grange Park are as follows:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Speeding
- Parking (although adoption issues were considered)

It was also noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 08 at the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

### 08/122 District Councillors Report

District Councillor Jainu-Deen reported that the Leader of the Council will be contacting Cllr Walker (Chairman) to arrange a meeting to discuss issues affecting Grange Park Parish.

### 08/123 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Proudley and C Rees.

### 08/124 Declaration of Members Interest

None received .

### 08/125 Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

125.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

125.2 Matters arising  
See Appendix 1

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**08/126**

### **Chairman's Report**

126.1 The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- Progress is being made on the land transfer albeit slow.
- Contract 4 meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> September and approval was given for the spinal road roundabouts to be cut – which was approved by Council at our previous meeting and within Budget.

126.2 The Council agreed that Cllr Walker and the Clerk would attend the NCALC AGM to collect our Quality Status certificate.

**08/127**

### **Clerk's Report**

127.1 No issues to be discussed

127.2 The Clerk informed the meeting that following the council's decision to write to a local resident regarding the damage to the railings at the Community Centre and to request associated costs. As yet no cheque has been received. The Council agreed to write again to the resident insisting on payment within 14 days and informing her that legal action will be pursued if necessary.

The Council agreed that if the above matter needed to go to the Small Claims Court then the expense will increase by £25 to cover administration.

**Action: Clerk**

**08/128**

### **Finance**

128.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2

128.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Finance Working Group Cllrs Smith, Walker and Ramsay regarding a date for the 3 month audit on the accounts. **Action: Clerk**

**08/129**

### **Planning, Highways and Transportation**

129.1 S/2008/1056/P

Location: 56 Quintonside, Grange Park

Proposal: New 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 is on the corner of an already busy junction
- Overlooking adjoining properties
- Lack of consultation with existing properties in close proximity of the proposed application.
- 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/2008/0871/A

Location: Campanile Hotel, Grange Park

Proposal: 7 No. internally illuminated fascia signs, 2 No. internally illuminated totem signs

Case Officer: David Eastham

Observations: No comment

08/0208/DCNWNS

Location: Land at Saxon Avenue, Grange Park (Frontier's Site)

Proposal: Design Code

Case Officer: Matthew Berry

Observations: We re-iterate our previous comments dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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129.2 The following planning decisions were noted:

Application withdrawn

S/2008/0847/P 59 Quintonside, Grange Park

129.3 It was agreed that Cllr Cates will obtain more information regarding the traffic calming signs and speak to our County Councillor B Ingram regarding bus shelters being provided on our adopted road (Saxon Avenue). **Action: Cllr Cates**

## **08/130 Administration and Staffing**

130.1 Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted – it will be discussed under agenda item 08/136

## **08/131 Recreation and Amenities**

131.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that progress is being made in respect of the land transfer of Foxfield Country Park.

It was agreed in order to proceed with the drainage work at Fox fields Country Park we may have to borrow some money (£100,000) from the Parish Councils Reserve funds in the short term. The Council agreed that they did not want to hold up the project and were happy that the money could be borrowed until expenses were reimbursed.

Cllr Smith also explained the mapping process which is currently being done by SNC regarding the legal transfers of land.

The Parish Council was requested to write a letter to the Collingtree Sports Committee regarding Grange Park Cricket Club using their facilities for an extended length of time due to the delay of Foxfields Pavilion and associated pitches located at Grange Park.

*CllrStansfield left the meeting at 8.30pm*

## **08/132 Community Centre, MUGA and Bowling Green**

132.1 Nothing to report

132.2 Cllr Ramsay reported that the sliding doors for the office partition had been erected over the summer holidays and that there were no problems

132.3 The Council considered a request from Freestyle Soccer regarding reduced rates during the school summer holidays for the use of the MUGA facilities. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that to encourage youths to use the facility they were prepared to give them a reduced rate of £16.50 – all other times will be at the normal charge of £18.50.

## **08/133 Community Activities**

133.1 Nothing to report

133.2 It was noted that the Parish Council had purchased some smartwater kits for the neighbourhood watch group which will be reimbursed to the Council following the Neighbourhood Watch meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

133.3 Age Concern details have been passed to Cllr Nobbs for consideration.

133.4 The proposed date for the Firework display is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The Parish Clerk was asked to book St John's Ambulance for the event. All other details will be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Grange Inn at 8pm. Fireworks need to be purchased before the 19<sup>th</sup> September in order to obtain a discount. The Parish Council agreed a budget of £3,000

**Action: Events Committee**

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**08/134 Website and Newsletter**

134.1 It was noted that the Grange Park News has now been delivered to most of the properties within the Parish although there were a few still outstanding.

**08/135 Correspondence**

- Mid Northamptonshire Parishes – Agenda - Noted
- Housing 4U – magazine from South Northamptonshire Council – Noted
- East Midlands – Fire and Rescue Control Centre – Noted
- SNC – Homelessness Services – Noted
- Carillion WSP – Contact details – Noted
- Northampton Town Football Club – Noted
- Police Policing in your Community- Noted

**08/136 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Due to the confidential nature and business about to be transacted the minutes of this item will only be attached to the original minutes .

**08/137 Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

