

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Community Centre, School Lane
Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5FZ

Parish Council: 01604 702938

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Dawson (Vc.) S Ash, D Harris, A Walker, M Aluko, S Allen, K Clarke and J Davis.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

15/49 Public Questions

- 49.1 A local resident from Richmond Homes joined the meeting to discuss the issue of us submitting a Traffic Regulation Order to Northampton Highways department for the insertion of yellow 'No parking' lines both sides of Bridge Meadow Way (from the hump back bridge to the RBS roundabout). It was agreed that we would submit the application and withdraw if the residents of Richmond Homes were able to suggest alternative preventative measures .
- 49.2 No report received as our PCSO Amy Thompson is no longer allocated to Grange Park as she is now training to be a Police Officer.

15/50 County/District Councillors Report

50.1 County Councillor Michael Clarke reported on the following :

- The highway works at the Gas roundabout, Northampton Town Centre has now been completed.
- Decisions are being deferred until after the elections on May 7th 2015
- Update on superfast broadband
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/news/Latestnews/Pages/Gosuperfast.aspx>

50.2 District Councillors Adil Sadygov and Simon Clifford reported on the following:

- The Forum is at the heart of Moat Lane and will be a Community Hub for Community groups, residents, visitors and tourists. Our offices and council chambers will be based here: The Forum ,Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD.
- Andrea Leadsom your prospective Parliamentary Candidate for South Northamptonshire Council will be at Richmond Homes Yellow Lounge on the 18th April from 2-4 pm.

15/51 Apologies for Absence

51.1 Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs N Stansfield and W Shakespeare

15/52 Declaration of Members Interest

52.1 No declarations received.

15/53 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 5th March 2015

53.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 5th March 2015 and signed them as a true record after the following item have been amended:

- Item 34.2 penultimate sentence should read ' Cllrs Clifford and Sadygov '

53.2 No matters were arising

15/54 Chairman's Report

54.1 All items covered in the agenda.

54.2 The Council approved and adopted the new communication policy which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

15/55 Parish Clerk's Report

55.1 No report received from the Parish Clerk.

55.2 The Parish Clerk informed the Council members that all election forms need to be submitted to SNC on 9th April by 4pm. The Parish Clerk will keep you updated on any updates/procedures.

15/56 Finance

56.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for March 2015. (Appendix 1 of these minutes).

56.2 Due to work commitments the Council members requested that the changes to the Financial Risk Assessment and Regulations be deferred until the Parish Council Meeting in May.

56.3 It was agreed and approved to defer the purchasing of new blinds for the small hall to later in the year.

15/57 Planning, Highways and Transportation

57.1 No planning applications were received or considered.

57.2 No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.

57.3 The installation of yellow 'No parking' lines along Bridge Meadow Way has been discussed under item 49.1.

15/58 Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

58.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council would not charge the new Youth Club for the rental of the MUGA or hall facilities for 3 months and would review this in September 2015.

58.2 It was noted that the 'Youth Activators Day' held at the Community Centre on the 2nd April was well attended and appreciated by the community. The day's events consisted of : crafts, skateboard ramp, climbing wall, sporting activities on the MUGA and parents enjoyed relaxing in the café/bar area.

58.3 In the absence of Cllr W Shakespeare, the Parish Clerk updated the Council on the Spring Food & Drink Fest which was held at the Community Centre on the 28th March 2015. It was noted that it was organised and run by an outside organisation and that they felt the facilities and location were great.

58.4 It was noted that Horton Cricket Club will be using the cricket table and facilities at Foxfields Country Park and will be paying 50% of the maintenance cost and weekly fee.

15/59 Administration & Staffing

59.1 The Parish Clerk reported that the caretaking staff are doing some decorating at the Pavilion over the Easter holidays.

Caretaking help is still being provided to Woodland View Primary School until they have recruited a Site Manager.

59.2 It was noted that we have appointed two new members of staff who will be job sharing the weekend caretaker role. Training has commenced and their first weekend is scheduled for the 18th April 2015. Existing staff are on standby if needed.

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Environment

- 60.1 All issues on the Contract 5 log sheets are being reviewed and monitored regularly. The Parish Council agreed that due to financial constraints that they would only deal with complaints regarding trees, hedgerows etc if they came under the Councils policy of dead, dying and dangerous. Each complaint received will be passed to our Landscape Consultant for consideration with a recommendation to follow.

Some clearing of debris has been done at The Witheys pond to protect the wildlife.

- 60.2 The Parish Council considered a request from a resident at Wren Close regarding our trees affecting his boundary fence and causing damage to his shed. Our Landscape consultant agreed that this needed to be done and the Parish Council agreed to one day's maintenance work in order to resolve the situation. The works are scheduled for May 6th 2015.

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Communication

- 61.1 It was noted that the Grange Park Newsletters will be circulated in September .

- 61.2 The Parish Council discussed the following for the Summer Fest on Sunday 30th August 2015 :

- Changing of the name to 'Summer Fest'
- Bands to be booked – Fascination from 2-4pm, Dr Moonshine 6-8pm, Big Band (a medley of local professional musicians) and Grange Park Choir from 4-6pm
- Fair ground rides /maze to be organised
- The Dog Show will be cancelled as Richmond Homes will be organising this event in September.
- Birds of Prey to be booked at a cost of £100
- First Response (First aid) to be booked

- 61.3 The Parish Council decided that they need to promote the 'Thai Evening ' scheduled for Saturday 25th April at the Community Centre and banners need to be purchased and posters put on facebook, website and noticeboards.

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Correspondence

- 62.1 No correspondence received.

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Administration & Service Request

- 63.1 No request received.

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Date of the Next Meeting

- 64.1 The Chairman advised the Parish Council that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be deferred until after the elections. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 14th May 2015.**

This meeting will welcome the new council and the Annual Meeting of the Council and AGM (election of Chairman/Vice Chairman) will follow.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 pm .