

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5FZ

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Dawson (Vc.) S Allen ,A Walker, S Allen, D Harris,M Carlin, N Stansfield, S Clifford and K Clarke

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

16/34 Public Questions

34.1 Local residents joined the meeting to discuss the following :

- Minor environmental issues like street cleaning, works that need to be done on the cobbled speed control ramps at Spinney Wood. Litter collection.
- Installation of superfast Broadband at Baines Way, Grange Park

PCSO Tara Cooksammy joined the meeting and informed the Councillors of the yearly crime statistics for Grange Park . Copies were circulated to all councillors via email.

16/35 County/District Councillors Report

35.1 County Councillor Michael Clarke was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following yearly report :

REPORT TO GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISHONERS' MEETING 07.04.16

- *Probably the most significant change over the past 12 months has been the successful roll out of Super Fast Broadband on Grange Park. Over 95% of residents now have access to SFB via BT. As a result of the removal of the old TEPON system, there is a much enhanced version of Super Fast Broadband based on optic fibre connection from the exchange to the home or business premises. Download speeds are above those provided in most other Parishes and districts. The project was joint funded by NCC, SNC and Grange Park Parish Council.*
- *Grange Park primary school was visited in February by the Government Minister, responsible for media and the national roll out of Super Fast Broadband, Ed Vaizey M.P.*
- *Parking issues near the employment area have been the subject of visits by Highways officers. The introduction of double yellow lines has been agreed with the Parish Council. This should be completed in April/May. The changes have my support as Grange Park's County Councillor.*
- *Parking , or part parking, of vehicles on the pavements results in problems for those residents who may be disabled or who are pushing prams and push chairs. Discussions have been held with the PCSOs and Highways officers to address the issues.*
- *The plan to rework the access to the GP allotments has been advanced with County Council Highways. Agreement on the scheme has been reached and the work should be completed during 2016.*
- *The County Council's share of Council Tax was increased by 2% in April 2015. Finances at County Hall remain under substantial pressure. This is on account of reduced central funding from Government, which impacts the Council's income, and increased demands placed on the Council by Children's services and Adult Social Care. The NCC budget can be viewed on the County Council's website.*
- *The withdrawal of the planning application by Howden plc to erect a large warehouse close to J15 on the M1 was welcomed by some but not by everyone. The downside of the decision was the removal of a proposal (to have been funded by the developer) to redesign the entire junction, which would have benefited residents of Grange Park with the introduction of a traffic light on the access road. The motorway junction is part of the motorway/trunk road network that is owned by Highways England, formerly the Highways Agency.*

I have attended most meetings of the Grange Park Parish Council during the year. I have also made myself available for site visits when requested and run surgeries for residents together with the District Councillors. If residents wish to contact me, they can do so on N 367813 or by email MClarke@northamptonshire.gov.uk

35.2 The following report was received from District Councillors A Sadygov and S Clifford:

- Update on the recent Rail Central Meeting and to inform the Parish Council that from 28th April 2016 they will be inviting the local community to take part in the formal consultation of the proposed new Strategic Rail Freight interchange in Northamptonshire
- Recruitment has commenced to employ more planning officers within SNC
- Clipper Logistics (Zara) have offered at a cost to HRG the rental of some additional parking. This is a rolling 3 month contract.
- It was noted that the Police Commissioner elections will take place on 5th May 2016 at the Community Centre.

16/36 Apologies for Absence

36.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors A Huddart, M Aluko and County Councillor M Clarke .

16/37 Declaration of Members Interest

37.1 Cllrs A Walker, N Stansfield and M Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the Allotments at Lark Lane.

16/38 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd March 2016

38.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 3rd March 2016 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendment:

'To look into the moving of the litter bins at Saxon Avenue to the new bus stops'

38.2 No matters arising

16/39 Chairman's Report

39.1 The Chairman reported that the Grange Park Parish Council had been successful in their application to SNC for the following:

- Community Events funding for the 'Summer Fest'.
- Bonus Homes Funding has also been awarded to us to upgrade our CCTV system and additional storage space .

16/40 Parish Clerk's Report

40.1 The Parish Clerk reported on the following:

- A letter received from SNC regarding the review of Discretionary Rate Relief for the next finance year on the Community Centre.
- Meeting to be held with the developers of Barrat's regarding the handover of the triangle and oval open spaces.
- One of our projects from the S106 funding has been completed – the boarding of the loft in order that the contractors are able to use it to do safety checks on the community building. Some minor electrical work is outstanding.

16/41 Finance

41.1 The Parish Council approved the accounts that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (Hardcopies were available at the meeting)

41.2 It was agreed to inform Toyota that we are prepared to pay the balloon payment and keep the current Parish vehicle.

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Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 42.1 The following planning applications were received and discussed:

S/2016/0550/FUL

Location: 67 Baines Way, Grange Park
 Proposal: Single storey extension to side of dwelling
 Case Officer: William Anstey
 Observations: No comment

S/2016/0751/FUL

Location: 79 The Meadows, Grange Park NN4 5BU
 Proposal: Side extension and conversion of part of garage conversion to living accommodation
 Case Officer: William Anstey
 Observations: No comment

S/2016/0754/FUL

Location: 2 Georges Drive, Grange Park
 Proposal: Conversion of integral garage into living space
 Case Officer: Andrew Longbottom
 Observations: The Parish Council raised concern about this property already having a licence for an HMO (House of Multiple Occupation)

- 42.2 No approval or refusal planning applications

- 42.3 An update from the meeting with the Highways Liaison Officer regarding protected bus bays etc. will be deferred until the next meeting when Cllr A Huddart is in attendance to give a verbal report.

Action: Cllr A Huddart

- 42.4 Cllr S Allen gave a verbal report and updated the meeting on the Rail Central Meeting held on the 16th March 2016. Leaflets were available to view.

Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

- 43.1 It was noted that the Café/Bar accounts end of year report is being processed and then will be sent to an independent accountant for verification and approval.

It was noted that the opening times of the Café/Bar on the website needed updating

- 43.2 The new installation date of Superfast Broadband at the Pavilion has been scheduled for Thursday 14th April 2016.

- 43.3 The Parish Council agreed that Cllr A Huddart investigate the cost of providing sanitising gels for both Community sites and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting in May. **Action: Cllr A Huddart**

- 43.4 The Council agreed to the quote received for the MUGA fencing and agreed that the best time to schedule this Work would be during the Whitson half term week. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- 43.5 The Parish Council agreed to have a Working Group meeting on Wednesday 27th April in the Parish Office to discuss the detail for the Community 'Summer Fest' which will be held on Sunday 28th August 2016.

- 43.6 The Parish Council agreed the need for a Café/Bar Supervisor and approved the content of the Vacancy Notice. It was agreed to circulate the vacancy to internal and external candidates. Closing date of 25th April 2016.

Administration & Staffing

- 44.1 No staffing issues to report.

16/45 Environment

- 45.1 The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to the Landscape Consultant regarding the grass cutter ruts which have appeared at Foxfields due to the grass being cut in wet weather. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 45.5 It was noted that a meeting at the allotments site has been scheduled for 15th April 2016 with the contractors and surveyors to discuss the detail. It was agreed to invite Barrie Randall of Lark Lane Allotments Association. An update will be given at the next meeting in May. **Action: Parish Clerk**

16/46 Communication

- 46.1 Due to heavy workload the next edition of the Newsletter will be formulated and circulated in May/June .
- 46.2 It was agreed to defer a draft Mission Statement and Council Responsibilities paperwork until the next meeting. **Action: Cllr A Huddart**

16/47 Correspondence

- 47.1 No correspondence received.

16/48 Administration & Service Request

- 48.1 No Administration or Service Request received.

16/49 Date of the Next Meeting

- 49.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 5th May at 7.30pm in the small hall at the Community Centre.

Please note that there will also be the Annual General Meeting (Election of Chair/Vice-Chairman)

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

List of Actions

Minute Ref:	Action	By Whom
42.3	Highways Meetings – Protected bus Bays	Cllr A Huddart
43.3	Cost of providing sanitising gels	Cllr A Huddart
43.4	Organise the remedial works for the muga fencing	Parish Clerk
45.1	Grass cutting at Foxfields in wet weather	Parish Clerk
45.5	Lark Lane Allotments site visit	Parish Clerk