

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), C Fry (Vch) A Walker, J Walker, J Davies, S Allen, L Guedes, M Aluko, S Dawson, A Stansfield, N Stansfield, J Proudley.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Paul Farrow (District Councillor), Bernard Ingram County Councillor.

11/171 Public Questions

Our PCSO Charlotte Johnson reported that there had been a spate of residential burglaries within Grange Park over the last couple of months. The Police have sent individual letters to all residents offering crime prevention advice. A copy can be viewed on our website: www.grangeparkpc.org. It was noted that the police will be providing street briefing sessions (dates to be advised). Cllr Fry requested that could some of the times be staggered allowing residents who work the opportunity to attend. **Action: PCSO Johnson**

11/172 County/District Councillors Report

Nothing to report from our District Councillor Paul Farrow. Bernard Ingram, County Councillor reported that he had received an e-mail from a resident regarding HGV's parking on Saxon Avenue. It was agreed that the County Council would monitor the situation.

11/173 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

11/174 Declaration of Members Interest

The following declarations were received:
Cllr J Davies in all issues relating to the allotments and Frosts contractors.
Cllr A Stansfield in allotment issues.

11/175 Minutes of the meeting of 3rd November 2011

175.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 3rd November 2011 and the Chairman signed them as a true record subject to the following amendment:

11/56 Should read '*New Non emergency number of 101*'

175.2 Matters arising
None

11/176 Chairman's Report

176.1 No report from the Chairman as all items will be covered in the meeting.

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11/177 Parish Clerk's Report

- 177.1 The Parish Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with the management of Richmond Homes, Grange Park to discuss ways in which the residents can be integrated into the community.
- 177.2 The Parish Council decided to charge the following for using the photocopying facilities within the Parish Office:
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| Black & White | 1p per sheet |
| Colour | 10p per sheet |

11/178 Finance

- 178.1 The Parish Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 178.2 The Parish Clerk informed the Council that she had a meeting on Monday 5th December at 10.00am with Jamie Leeson, Regional Manager, Queen Elizabeth Fields to discuss potential funding streams and protection of open spaces. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting in January 2012.
- 178.3 The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the external audit and now been agreed and approved and the only recommendations were to look at the Fidelity Insurance and updating of our asset register. It was agreed that the finance working group would look into the matter at their next meeting.

Action: Clerk

11/179 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 179.1 The Parish Council considered the following:

S/2011/1361/FUL

Location: 19 Littlefield, Grange Park

Proposal: Partial conversion of garage into habitable room & block paved driveway for car parking space and extension to drop kerb.

Case Officer: Alex Keen

Observations: No comment

S/2011/1421/MAF

Location: Nine wind turbines

Proposal: Land Between Roade, Coutenhall, Hartwell and the M1.

Case Officer: Daniel Callis

Observations: No comment

The Council also declined the offer from Wind Prospect Developments Ltd to attend one of our meetings to discuss the above application.

- 179.2 No planning refusals or approval decision notices were received.
- 179.3 Cllr J Walker reported that he would not be pursuing the proposed lay-by design outside Richmond Homes.

11/180 Staffing

- 180.1 Nothing to report.

11/181 Grange Park Sports & Community Association (GPSCA)

- 181.1 Cllr Smith reported that the football season is going well and the only outstanding issues is the sunken drain lines on the football pitches. It was noted that two planning applications have been submitted to South Northants District Council for consideration. One for a variation in the currently operating hours from 10pm – midnight on a temporary one year trial basis. The second retrospectively for one floodlight.

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- 181.2 Cllrs J Walker/M Smith reported that they had attended the last GPSCA meeting which was held on the 21st November and reported the following items:
- It was agreed that an advert would be circulated within the newsletter to recruit a Caretaker/Keyholder to cover the Community Centre/Foxfield Pavilion.
 - The GPSCA website will be live soon and copies of the minutes will be made available.
 - The next GPSCA meeting is scheduled for January 17th 2012.

11/182

Environment

- 182.1 Cllr J Walker reported that he and the Parish Clerk had attended a meeting with Chris Bond, Development Manager, Highway, Northampton County Council at Riverside on Tuesday 29th November to discuss the proposed vehicle access to the allotments at Lark Lane.

Mr Bond gave us a detailed drawing with a full specification so that we are now able to go out to contractors and receive quotes. In further discussion Mr Bond expressed concern at the illegal entry and parking at the Quinton Road end of Lark Lane and the possible impact this could cause the parish council.

The Council agreed to the following proposal:

- To write to the Chairman of the Lark Lane Allotments Association updating him on the current situation and request him to write, as a matter of urgency, to each individual allotment owner stressing the illegality of vehicle entry into and, in particular, parking in Lark Lane. In addition it was also proposed that a number of notices be placed along the allotment fence at the Quinton Road end stressing the legal impact of vehicle entry.

The Council also discussed briefly the allotments agreement. It was decided due to time constraints that we hold a working group meeting mid January (date to be advised) and invite LLAA committee and members of the Council to discuss in more detail.

Action: Parish Clerk

- 182.2 It was noted that the Contract 4 meeting had been postponed until Thursday 8th December 2011 at 9.30am in the Parish Office. All Councillors were invited to attend. **Action: All Councillors**
- 182.3 Three quotes had been received from contractors regarding the infill of the Ditch at Millers Way. The cost ranged from £3 - £8k. It was agreed not to pursue this issue any further.
- 182.4 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would speak to SNC regarding the damaged TPO tree at the Witheys and the course of action that is needed to resolve the issue. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 182.5 Cllr Fry informed the meeting that there were no issues to be discussed in relation to the Youth Club.

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Communication

- 183.1 It was agreed that Cllr J Davies would lead on arranging the community event to celebrate the Golden Jubilee on the 5th June 2012. **Action: Cllr Davies**
- 183.2 Cllr Fry reported that she had submitted an article in the newsletter updating residents on the recent Firework event including pictures. Thanks were given to all who help on the day especially Council Members & Staff, Explorers, Scout, Youth Club, Bowling Club and Grange Park Football Club.
- It was also noted that the display of fireworks will be carried out by Jubilee Fireworks next year on Saturday 3rd November 2012 and a deposit of £200 has been sent.
- 183.3 It was noted that the newsletter will be distributed on Saturday 3rd December 2011. Details of our facebook page has also been noted.

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Correspondence

- 184.1 All relevant issues were discussed within the meeting

Date of the Next Meeting

- 185.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 12th January 2012 and will be the held at the Community Centre.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and best for the New Year.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

