

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 1st DECEMBER 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), M Aluko, A Huddart, C Fry, A Walker, S Allen and A Millerchip

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk),

16/153 Public Questions

A local resident joined the meeting to discuss the recent traffic issues around Grange Park and enquired if there is likely to be any changes to the roundabout at Junction 15. It was noted that unless a planning application is granted for the proposed Howdens site there is no proposals to change/make any improvements to this highways area.

16/154 County/District Councillors Report

154.1 Cllr Clarke updated the Council on issues affecting Northampton County Council. All the details can be viewed on their website. <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/Pages/HomePage.aspx>.

It was also noted that the County Council proposed budget for 2017/18 is likely to increase by 2%.

Cllr Clarke also advised the Parish Council to look at the new police commissioner report (Link attached) <http://www.northantspcc.org.uk/police-crime-commissioner-launches-public-consultation-policing-priorities-next-five-years>

154.2 Cllr A Sadygov updated the Council on issues affecting South Northants Council. All the details can be viewed on their website. <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/>.

16/155 Apologies for Absence

155.1 Due to work commitments the following apology was received and accepted: Parish Councillors N Stansfield, K Clarke, D Harris, and J Davies.

16/156 Declaration of Members Interest

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

16/157 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd November 2016

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

Item 126.2 should read 'three-month probation period'
Item 131.1 should read '1st December 2016'

157.2 No matter arising.

16/158 Chairman's Report

158.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda.

Parish Clerk's Report

- 159.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda.
- 159.2 It was noted that some Councillors would like to attend a Flying Start Course in the New Year. The Parish Clerk was asked to consider the matter. The cost of this course is £39 per delegate.
- 159.3 It was noted that the Parish Councils Office hours over the festive period have been circulated to all Councillors and put on social media.

Finance

- 160.1 The Parish Council approved the accounts that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (Hardcopies were available at the meeting)
- 160.2 All budget spreadsheets including the precept figure were sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be approved at the next meeting in January. A Finance Working Group meeting has been scheduled for 6th December to discuss the proposed figures for 2017/18 in detail.

Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 161.1 No applications received.
- 161.2 No planning approval or refusal decision notices were received. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to the Enforcement Team at South Northants Council regarding black smoke/smell that is coming from a resident house in Wake Way via a log burner. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 161.3 Cllr Millerchip informed the meeting that he had met with Helen Howard from NCC highways to discuss the following issues:
- Who is responsible for the highways issues outside the surgery at Grange Park – paths, walls etc.
 - Can we ask for yellow lines to be put at the District Centre to stop parking/blocking off the road by Finney Drive.
 - To obtain a quote from NCC to use some of their mapping teams time and expertise to formulate a map of Grange Park Land ownership.
 - To seek a quote for turning on some more street lights within Grange Park

Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

- 162.1 On behalf of the working Group Cllr a Huddart gave a verbal report on the following issues:
- *Christmas Quiz and Bingo Night to be organised for December*
 - *Trying to arrange in December a drop off zone for items for the homeless in Northampton*
 - *All Finances have been circulated prior to the meeting for information*
- 162.2 Cllr M Smith reported that he had been involved in an incident at Youth Club from some youths not attending the club but loitering around on bikes. When asked to move they retaliated with in a lot of verbal abuse. The Police were called as other youths attending the club suggested they may have a firearm in their possession. The Police arrived and youths were asked to leave.
- It was noted that there will be an end of term Disco for all Youth Members on Thursday 12th December 2016. The Youth Club will then be closed for the festive period and re-opened 12th January 2017.
- 162.3 The Parish Council in principle agreed the cost of the installation of the acoustic panelling for the small hall of £3947.50 but would like to see a sample of the basotile being used before proceeding. The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain a sample. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 162.4 The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Fry to seek a quote to get the clock tower at the Community Centre fixed. **Action: Cllr Fry**
- 162.5 Cllr A Huddart reported that MP Andrea Leadsom visited the café/bar last week. A photographer from Northampton Chronicle & Echo also attended.

16/163 Administration & Staffing

163.1 Due to its sensitive nature all staffing issues were discussed under 168.1 of these minutes

16/164 Environment

164.1 A list of all works including outstanding actions were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting for information. A review meeting will be scheduled for January. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- The Parish Council approved the cost of some remedial works to the paths at Foxfield Country Park. The Parish Clerk agreed to ask Goodman's for a donation towards the above project.

164.2 The Parish Council have had the drawings modified to include the new entrance scheme for the allotments at Lark Lane and are waiting for a re-quote from Kierswp group

164.3 Cllrs Millerchip and Walker gave a verbal update of the meeting regarding the maintenance and upkeep required on Wootton Brook, Lark Lane etc. before legal transfers begins. Notes and photographic evidence used at them the meeting were also emailed to all Councillors.

16/165 Communication

165.1 It was noted that we should refer to the website/facebook /newsletter as Social Media.

165.2 It was noted that the football catering at Foxfields will be reviewed in the New Year. The Parish Council suggested that next year we should pay social media to advertise our Christmas Craft Fayre. (not to clash on the same weekend as Richmond Homes which is the last Sunday of November.)

165.3 The Parish Council commented that they thought the schedule of fireworks were a lot slower than last year . It was noted that we need to insist that the schedule is the same as we have had in previous years. Fireworks have already been provisionally booked for Saturday 4th November. It was noted that we also should look into the queues for the BBQ/Bar.

16/166 Correspondence

166.1 All matters of correspondence have been dealt with within the meeting.

16/167 Administration & Service Request

167.1 No request received.

16/168 Exclusion of Press and Public

168.1 This matter will be dealt with under Section 2 and attached to the master copy only.

16/169 Date of the Next Meeting

169.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the **12th January 2017 at 7.30pm** in the Small Hall at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

List of Actions

Minute Ref:	Action	By Whom
161.2	Speak to Enforcement about smoke pollution	Parish Clerk
162.3	Obtain a sample for the acoustic boarding in the small hall	Parish Clerk
162.4	Clock Tower Quote	Cllr C Fry
164.1	Organise a meeting for Contract 5 in January	Parish Clerk