

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2012 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK

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

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

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

12/01 Public Questions

Nothing to report

12/02 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor B Ingram reported that Northampton County Council (NCC) are currently reviewing the street lighting procedure. It was also noted that NCC are currently looking at the possibility of a reduction in funding for the county's Police Community Support Officers (PCSO). A letter from Alex Terry, Chief inspector of the Police has been e-mailed to all councillors for information.

12/03 Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Guedes sent her apologies which were approved and accepted.

12/04 Declaration of Members Interest

The following declarations were received:
Cllr J Davies in all issues relating to the allotments and contractors 4.

12/05 Minutes of the Council meeting of 1st December 2011

05.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 1st December 2011 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following comment was included:

The Parish Council considered the evidence given by a local resident regarding the infill of part of Millers Ditch located at Millers Way, Grange Park. It was agreed not to pursue the matter any further due to the following:

- Set precedent for the rest of the community
- Not within our financial constraints.
- Landowners responsibility
- The Parish Council sought a professional opinion

05.2 Matters arising
None

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12/06 Chairman's Report

- 06.1 All relevant items will be covered in the meeting.
- 06.2 The Chairman informed the meeting that a resignation letter had been received from Cllr A Stansfield. The Parish Clerk was asked to write a letter accepting her resignation and thank her for the commitment, help and support that she had given the Council over the last couple of years.

12/07 Parish Clerk's Report

- 07.01 All relevant items are covered in the agenda

12/08 Finance

- 08.1 The Parish Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.
- 08.2 The Council approved and agreed the budget proposal for 2012/13 and a precept figure of £126,519 This figure remained the same as previous years. The Parish Clerk was asked to send the request to South Northamptonshire District Council. **Action: Parish Clerk**

12/09 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 09.1 The Parish Council considered the following:
- S/2011/1566/FUL
Proposal: Two Storey extension to rear and alteration of existing roof
Location: 110 Wake Way, Grange Park
Observation: No comment
- S/2011/1589/MAF
Proposal: Erection of Canopy
Location: Yusen Logistics GP1 Cheaney Drive, Grange Park
Observation: No comment
- S/2011/1493/FUL
Proposal: Part conversion of integral garage to habitable room
Location: 9 Rickyard Walk, Grange Park
Observation: We strongly object to the lack of parking that this application would cause if granted.
- 09.2 No planning refusals or approval decision notices were received.
- 09.3 The Council approved the financial cost associated with the quote received from Fast Signs for the erection of directional signs. The Council agreed to delegate Cllr J Walker and the Clerk to pursue the matter once the relevant planning permission had been received.
Action: Cllr J Walker/Clerk
- 09.4 It was noted that all advertising banners proposed for erection at Foxfields (on the fence) need to obtain the consent of the Parish Council. It is noted that advertising consent may be required dependant on size.

12/10 Staffing

- 10.1 It was noted that the Football Development Officer post expires on the 31st March 2012. It was agreed that this matter be passed to the Grange Park Association for consideration.

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Grange Park Sports & Community Association (GPSCA)

- 11.1 It was noted that the next meeting will take place on Monday 16th January 2012. Cllr Fry asked for the following points to be discussed and an update to be given at the next full council meeting.
- Youth Club – concessionary rates
 - Progress on Bowls Club proposal for providing more recreation space within the Community Centre – the council approved the expenditure in relation to the architect.
 - Website progress
 - Staffing update following the recent staff vacancy advertised in the newsletter.

Action: Cllr Smith/Cllr J Walker

Cllr Smith reported that the project manager from the Foxfields build has sent an unexpected invoice. The council agreed to delegate the Parish Clerk/Chairman to negotiate and report back at the next meeting.

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Environment

- 12.1 The Chairman reported on all the tenders received and associated costs. All documents and paperwork had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion the Council agreed that we dispense with the consultancy services of Quartet Design due to our current financial constraints. It was also agreed and approved that we would appoint the services of R&G Grounds Maintenance for an initial 12 month contract which may be renewed/negotiated and extended to 3 years in total. The Council agreed to delegate the Chairman/Parish Clerk to liaise with R&G Maintenance and to write an appropriate letter to Quartet Design.

Action: Chairman/Parish Clerk

- 12.2 It was agreed that we would ask R&G Ground maintenance to visit the Witheys assess the TPO tree and any necessary remedial work. The Council delegated the Chairman/Parish Clerk to resolve the issues due to the impact it may have on adjoining property.

Action: Chairman/Parish Clerk

- 12.3 Cllr Fry informed the Council that a youth meeting has been scheduled for 23rd January 2012 and an update will be given at the next full council meeting.

Action: Cllr Fry

- 12.4 Cllr J Walker and Cllr N Stansfield informed the Council that a meeting had taken place with the following and issues discussed:

- Meeting with Helen Howard, Highways - lighting at Saxon Avenue, overhanging bushes, builders waste, S38 mapping, hardstanding at Bus stops, ruts in roundabouts.
- Meeting with Environmental Agency: It was noted that Wootton Brook had been totally disregarded over the last couple of years and we are working with the environment agency to resolve the issues.

12/13

Communication

- 13.1 Cllr Fry informed the Council that the newsletter had recently been circulated. It was noted that the Grange park resident's facebook page is very active.

- 13.2 It was agreed that Cllr J Davies would lead on arranging the community event to celebrate the Golden Jubilee on the 5th June 2012. The following suggestions were discussed: Picnic in the park, live band, bouncy castle, games for the kids, refreshments, memorabilia. It was agreed that a working group meeting will be scheduled and the detail discussed.

Action: Cllr J Davies

It was noted that we will put posters out to advertise an 80's disco. All proceeds will go to charities. The date has been provisionally booked for the 31st March 2012 at the Community Centre. If anyone is interested please e-mail disco@grangeparkpc.org

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Correspondence

- 14.1 All relevant issues were discussed within the meeting

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Date of the Next Meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

