

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 JANUARY 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

15/194 Public Questions

- 194.1 A local resident from Richmond Homes joined the meeting and inquired about a date as to when the double yellow lines will be installed at Saxon Avenue/Bridge Meadow Way. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to Northampton County Council Highways regarding timescales. **Action: Parish Clerk**

It was also noted that the residents at Richmond are really pleased with the newly installed bench on Grange Valley Greenway.

15/195 County/District Councillors Report

- 195.1 No report received
- 195.2 District Councillor S Clifford reported that our grant application for CCTV cameras had been received at SNC and would be tabled at the next Finance meeting in February for consideration.

15/196 Apologies for Absence

- 196.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors A Huddart, S Ash, District Councillor A Sadygov and County Councillor M Clarke.

15/197 Declaration of Members Interest

- 197.1 No Declarations of Interest were received.

15/198 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 3rd December 2015

- 198.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 3rd December 2015 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendment was made:

Item 185.8 : should read 40mgbs not 40mgb

- 198.2 No matters arising

15/199 Chairman's Report

- 199.1 The Chairman made an emotional announcement that one of our Councillors, Stuart Ash had been admitted to hospital over the New Year and diagnosed with terminal cancer. Our thoughts are with his family and partner at this difficult time. Due to this the Council agreed to just deal with any imminent issues and defer everything else to our next meeting in February.

15/200 Parish Clerk's Report

- 200.1 No report received as all matters are covered on the agenda.

15/201

Finance

- 201.1 The Parish Council approved the accounts that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (Hardcopies were available at the meeting)
- 201.2 It was noted that the Bowling Green Changing Room will be delivered and installed on Tuesday 15th December 2016.
- 201.3 The Parish Council agreed and approved our budget for 2016/17 and our precept figure of £137,000 . The Parish Clerk was asked to submit the precept request to SNC. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 201.4 It was agreed to defer a date for a working group meeting until the next Parish Council meeting in February 2016.
- 201.5 The Parish Council considered a grant request received from Miss L Young (local resident) for a Girl Guiding place to represent Northampton in the USA. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council has no powers in which to give financial help to individuals but felt that it was a worthy cause and therefore would allow her to use our facilities free of charge to do a table top sale or coffee morning.
- 201.6 The Parish Council considered a grant request from 1st Grange Park Rainbows for the purchase of some craft materials and badges. It was agreed to donate £250 (*Local Government Act 1976 Miscellaneous Provisions S19*)

15/202

Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 202.1 No planning applications received.
- 202.2 No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.
- 202.3 A discussion on the installation of grasscrete was deferred until Cllr A Huddart was present at the meeting to give a verbal report.
- 202.4 It was noted that the landlord of No.1 Georges Drive, Grange Park who has recently received a licence for HMO (House of Multiple Occupation) has now submitted another HMO licence for No.2 Georges Drive. It was agreed that the Council would look into obtaining an Article 4 which will restrict the number of HMO's within the parish. **Action: Parish Clerk**

15/203

Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

- 203.1 A report of the current financial situation of the café/bar was deferred until the next meeting in February
- 203.2 Quotes for the ground level lights at Foxfield Car park was deferred until the next meeting in February.
- 203.3 An update on the noise limiter at Foxfield was deferred until the next meeting in February

15/204

Administration & Staffing

- 204.1 No staffing issues to report.

15/205

Environment

- 205.1 The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to the R&G consultants on the following items:
- Litter Bins at the playground adjacent to Woodland View Primary School need some remedial works
 - Fence panels at the entrance to Foxfield Pavilion
 - Entrance from Quinton Road to the bottom of Foxfields Country Park trees have been cut down by others
- 205.2 Quotes were received for consideration to upgrade the pond have been deferred until the next meeting in February

205.3 The Parish Clerk reported that the specification and associated paperwork for the vehicular access to the allotments had been sent out to 6 approved highways contractors. Quotes will be received at the end of January for consideration.
Action: Parish Clerk

205.4 The Parish Council agreed to dispense with the current dog bin cleaner and asked the Parish Clerk to source a replacement .
Action: Parish Clerk
Voted 7 approved, 2 abstained, 1 against

15/206 Communication

206.1 The newsletter has been circulated to all residents within Grange Park

206.2 The Parish Clerk reported that Abby Commuting Services have agreed to maintain the website short term until Councillor S Clifford is able to look at alternatives

206.3 The item on improving our communication techniques was deferred until Cllr A Huddart was present to give a verbal report.

206.4 This item was covered under 206.2 of this meeting

15/207 Correspondence

207.1 No correspondence received.

15/208 Administration & Service Request

208.1 None

15/209 Date of the Next Meeting

209.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the small hall at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30hrs .

List of Actions

Minute Ref:	Action	By Whom
194.1	Date for double yellow lines to be installed at Bridge Meadow Way	Parish Clerk
201.3	Submit precept figure to SNC of £137,500	Parish Clerk
202.4	Article 4 with the planning officer	Parish Clerk
205.3	Quotes for the allotments vehicular access	Parish Clerk
205.4	Replacement dog bin cleaner – Meeting to be arranged	Parish Clerk