

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JULY 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllr M Smith (Ch), Cllr C.Fry (Vch), Cllr A Walker, Cllr M Aluko, Cllr J Walker, Cllr A Stansfield, Cllr N Stansfield.

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk), Mrs L Service (Asst Clerk)

11/101 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

11/101.1 None

11/102 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

11/102.1 Two prospective councillors have made contact with the parish clerk. It was agreed to defer the consideration of their applications until the next meeting.

11/103 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

11/103.1 Nothing to report.

11/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

11/104.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Guedes who was on holiday and Cllr J Proudley due to work commitments.

11/105 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

11/105.1 Cllrs A Stansfield, N Stansfield and Cllr Walker declared an interest in all issues relating to the allotments.

11/106 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9TH JUNE 2011

11/106.1 Minutes to be approved, agreed and then to be signed as a true copy.

11/106.2 Minutes received from extra ordinary meeting held 23rd. June 2011 received, approved and adopted.

11/106.3 No matters arising from the minutes/appendix 1.

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11/107 CHAIRMANS REPORT

11/107.1 Nothing to report

11/108 CLERKS REPORT

11/108.1 Foxfield Official Opening day to be arranged and possibly to link the event with the football foundation.

11/109 FINANCE

11/109.1 Accounts agreed and approved.

11/109.2 Information for the audit report and our recent internal audit emailed to all councillors approved and signed off.

11/109.3 The Clerk provided details of a software package available from Barclays that links the council's accounts with the bank statements and reconciles, which is currently done manually. Also the package is able to calculate and run payroll. The implementation of the software was discussed and agreed to be far more efficient than the current process's. The council agreed to implement the new software.

11/110 PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

11/110.1 Nothing to consider/report.

11/111 STAFFING

11/111.1 Nothing to report.

11/112 ASSOCIATION (inc buildings sports and social,youth)

11/112.1 A picket fence has been erected around the patio area of the pavilion. Mr Lawrence is continuing to work through a list of snagging issues. The council would like to thank the caretakers for their assistance in these matters, particularly Mr Lawrence for his ongoing dedication.

Discussion took place regarding the installation of a kitchen in the small treatment room at the far end of the corridor to enable users of the cricket and football pitches to have access to facilities without interrupting paid hirers of the pavilion hall/kitchen.

Foxfield funds are approximately £2,000, the expected cost of the kitchen is around £1,000 after a show of hands it was agreed to move forward with purchasing the kitchen and installing.

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112.2 There had been some vandalism in the community centre toilets, the police have been informed and are going to investigate. Clerk to follow up.

112.3

Association meeting held on the 23rd. March 2011. Chairman A Walker reports Bowls club have presented the Association with the prospect of converting the shower areas of the community centre into a meeting place/social/bar area. The Association agreed to discuss in more detail at the next meeting to discuss/debate the topic and possible opportunities that it presents for the local community.

112.4

Parish council to investigate possible funding options. The Clerk had made some preliminary enquiries with South Northants Council who advised they may possibly be able to provide some funding assistance. A show of hands agreed, Cllr N Stansfield abstained from the show of hands. It was agreed that the Parish office staff would clarify the price of the Duplex steam cleaning machine and possibly arrange a trial use of the machine.

11/113

ENVIRONMENT

11/113.1

Allotments Barry Randall was to deliver 60 letters by the 7th. July 2011 regarding the current egress/entrance proposals at the allotments site. Cllr A Stansfield reported that no letter had been received by herself and six other plot holders. Clerk to chase Barry for an update. Notice to be put up on gate at road and pedestrian entrance. It was reported that the allotment agreement had not been signed Clerk to enquire as to why with Barry and to request his attendance at the next meeting.

11/113.2

Any issues relating to contract 4 A Walker/N Stansfield and J Walker to give a verbal report. A subsequent meeting has been arranged with our consultant regarding the maintenance of our green open spaces for the forthcoming year.

11/113.3

The Clerk has arranged meetings with Matta Products, Wicksteed and Frosts to obtain quotes to replace the playground wet pore surface to a more robust material.

11/113.4

Cllr fry reports that following a meeting today with Youth Leader Jenny the skatepark from south northants council has been booked for 11th, 18th & 25th August. A fun day/litter pick has been arranged for the 18th August 12:30pm-6.30pm. The youth club proposed using the parish bbq which was agreed. Trip to Alton Towers 23rd. August to be advertised. The youth

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The youth club will continue to run throughout the summer holidays.

Letters will be sent out to all students moving into year 8 in September to invite them to come along to youth club who after amendments to ages were no longer able to access the youth club in the current school year.

- 113.5 The Clerk reports of an incident of arson to the youth shelter was found to be a cigarette burn to the Perspex. Details of the incident passed onto the police and the Chronicle & Echo.

11/114 COMMUNICATION (Inc events, website & community events)

11/114.1 Website

11/114.2 Fireworks event to be arranged.

11/114.3 To seek from Cllr J Proudley information and a financial breakdown from the events committee for auditing purposes.

11/114.4 The Parish Council agreed on a temporary basis (Aug) to use the services of Lonsdale Print Solutions ltd to print the newsletter. Deadline for adverts 5th August 2011.

11/115 CORRESPONDENCE

All items discussed within the meeting

- 11/116 Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press were excluded from this part of the meeting. Minutes will only be available on the master copy.

11/117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the summer recess the next parish council meeting will be held in September 2011.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.