

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

12/95 Public Questions

No members of the public attended the meeting.

12/96 County/District Councillors Report

Newly elected District Councillor Tharik Jainu-Deen attended our meeting and gave the following update:

- Currently looking into the installation of faster broadband within the parish
- Community Library location – liaising with Charlie Nobbs regarding the Karios Centre
- A brief discussion took place about the limited parking scheme which has recently been installed at Budgens car park. The Parish Clerk was asked to pursue the following issues:
 - liaise with the management company who installed the system and put some information on the website. It was also noted that if anyone has issues with parking then please contact our PCSO Charlotte Johnson.
 - Speak to the management company about a pedestrian crossing and also changing the current egress/exit to the car park.

12/97 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors J Walker and A Walker due to personal commitments.

12/98 Declaration of Members Interest

No declarations were received.

12/99 Minutes of the Council meeting of 14th June 2012

99.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 14th June 2012 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendment:

- Item 86.3 – line 3 should read ‘GPPC’
- Item 88 – title should read ‘Grange Park Community & Sports Association’

99.2 Matters arising
No matters arising.

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12/100 Chairman's Report

- 100.1 All relevant items will be covered within the meeting

12/101 Parish Clerk's Report

- 101.1 No report received
- 101.2 The Parish Clerk approved and adopted South Northamptonshire Council Code of Conduct. All councillors were reminded that they need to complete the register of Members' interest forms and return to the Parish Clerk by the 25th July 2012. **Action: All Councillors**
- 101.3 The Parish Council reviewed and approved the following documents:
- Standing Orders
 - Financial Regulation and Financial Risk Assessment

It was agreed that these document need to be reviewed annually or before if needed.

12/102 Finance

- 102.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the accounts for July 2012.
- 102.2 The Parish Council agreed to delegate the Chair and the Parish Clerk to submit further information to the external auditor if needed. **Action: Parish Clerk/Chairman**

12/103 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 103.1 Cllr Aluko reported that a letter had been received from Waitrose informing us of the delay in determining the planning application to build a Waitrose Supermarket at Wyevale Garden Centre on the Newport Pagnell Road, Wootton. The Council noted the correspondence.
- Cllr S Allen informed the meeting that a planning application will be submitted to SNC on the 19th August from the developers associated with the old Ikea site. Plans will be delivered to the Parish Office.
- 103.2 No approval/refusal notices were received.
- 103.3 The Chairman reported that they had received a letter from the Bowls Club with reference to the management of the proposed bar/lounge area (All councillors received a copy of this letter via e-mail prior to the meeting). The Parish Council fully supported the conversion in principle but felt that the Bowls Club proposals need to go to the GPC&SA for consideration and were requested to report back. The Parish Clerk was asked to forward this information.

Action: Parish Clerk

12/104 Staffing

- 104.1 All staffing issues were discussed under item 12/109.1

12/105 Grange Park Community & Sports Association (GPC&SA)

- 105.1 Cllr Smith reported on the following items:
- A commercial refuse bin has been ordered and this will be located within the cage. Bins will be made available to all football managers on match days.
 - Mr A Walker has done some staff appraisals and will complete the remaining ones a.s.a.p
 - GPC&SA decided that due to staffing resources they will not be opening both buildings (Community Centre and Foxfields during the Christmas/New Year 2012 holiday period.
 - It was agreed that all minutes will be available to view on the GPC&SA website.
 - The office staff will find out more information about letting the facilities for civil weddings, playschemes etc. **Action: Parish Office**
 - It was noted that the next meeting of the GPC&SA will be on the 16th July. GPC&SA will be meeting with the Football groups on the 30th July to discuss pitch arrangements/availability/costings etc

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12/106

Environment

- 106.1 The Parish Clerk circulated a written report received from Cllr J Walker updating the council on the issues affecting the allotments. It was noted that we have submitted a retrospective application for the change of use and we are trying to arrange a meeting with Chris Bond, Highways to discuss alternative plans for the new vehicle access. The Parish Council agreed to delegate Cllr J Walker and the Parish Clerk to pursue this matter and report back at the next meeting in September.

Action: Cllr J Walker/Parish Clerk

- 106.2 The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to R G Maintenance regarding the grass verge at the entrance to the Parish. R&G Maintenance would be asked to widen the cut area to 3m on the left verge at the corner adjacent to the island at the entrance to Buddies. It was also agreed to get a quote regarding some colourful planting enhancing the entrance and roundabouts to our parish. **Action: Parish Clerk**

12/107

Communication

- 107.1 Cllr Fry reported that the newsletter will go to the printers on Monday 9th July 2012 and should be posted to all residents on Saturday 28th July 2012. It was also agreed to purchase some software (Microsoft Publisher at an approx. cost of £100) with 3 users if available. **Action: Chairman**
- 107.2 Cllr S Dawson informed the Council that a meeting had taken place with the webmaster. He tabled several samples of new design/layout of the proposed Parish Council website. It was also agreed that we would arrange for the children within the Parish to design a logo in September. The Parish Council agreed to delegate Cllr Dawson to pursue and report back after the summer recess.

Action: Cllr S Dawson

- 107.3 It was agreed that due to the outstanding success of the 80's disco in March, the Parish Council will be running another event on the 29th September 'SKOOL DISCO' at the Community Centre from 8pm-midnight – tickets £5 per person including the first welcoming drink. It was agreed to purchase two chillers for the bar area.
- 107.4 The Parish Council considered a request from Swift caravan club to hold a rally at Foxfields over a weekend in May 2013. After consideration the Parish Council decided that we would not be able to provide the facilities that they required. The Parish Clerk was asked to convey this message back to the secretary of the club.

Action: Parish Clerk

- 107.5 Cllr Fry reported that the Youth Inspire Manager (Jenny Evans) will attend the next Parish Council meeting in September and update the Council on forthcoming events/issues.

12/108

Correspondence

- 108.1 Correspondence:
- Licence application – Grange Park Inn – Noted

12/109

Exclusion of Press and Public

- 109.1 In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the notes of this part of the meeting will only be attached to the originals.

12/110

Administration & Service Request

No request received

12/111

Date of the Next Meeting

- 111.1 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 6th September 2012 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre.

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