

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Community Centre, School Lane
Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5FZ

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch.), S Dawson (Vc.) S Ash, D Harris, A Walker, S Allen, K Clarke and S Clifford .

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

15/97 Public Questions

97.1 No public questions were received.

97.2 PCSO Charlotte Whitehead attended the meeting and circulated to all Councillors a Ward Crime Update for June. The following issues were discussed briefly:

- Inconsiderate parking
- Recruitment of Special Constables
- Proposed surgery dates which are schedule to take place in the café bar area (this have been advertised on the website www.grangeparkpc.org)

97.3 The newly elected Chairman of the Wootton/Grange Bowls Club and the outgoing Chairman Peter Botterill joined the meeting and asked if they could meet with some of the Councillors regarding their proposal as a club going forward. It was agreed that due to time constraints at a Full Council Meeting that some of the Councillors would meet up with them (date yet to be advised)

15/98 County/District Councillors Report

98.1 County Councillor Michael Clarke updated us on the following:

- Women's Cycling Race – <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/news/Latestnews/Pages/womens-tour-2015-route.aspx>
- A43 Closures and long delays due to this weekend's Silverstone Grand Prix
- Superfast Broadband Updates - <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/economic/Pages/superfast-broadband.aspx>
- Due to the Howdens Planning application being withdrawn then the proposals for any M1 junction 11 highway improvements will be put on hold.

98.2 The following report was received from District Councillor Simon Clifford :

- All updates/ current news can be found on <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/>

15/99 Apologies for Absence

99.1 Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Adil Sadygov and Parish Councillors Jonathan Davies and Mike Aluko.

15/100 Declaration of Members Interest

100.1 Cllr A Walker declared an interest in the Grant request from Grange Park Scout Group (Item 104.2)
Cllr S Ash declared an interest in a letter received from a local resident regarding the café/bar facilities. (Item 103.2)

15/101 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th June 2015

- 101.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 4th June 2015 and signed them as a true record after the following amendment:
Item 82.2 : District Councillor Simon Clifford is Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and both Cllrs Adil Sadygov and Simon Clifford are members of the Finance and Strategy committee

15/102 Chairman's Report

- 102.1 The Chairman reported that our grant application to SNC for some S106 monies from the new distribution centre Zara Logistics has been successful. All information can be found at <http://modgov.southnorthants.gov.uk/documents/s13514/S.2010.0164.FULWNS%20-%20Case%20Officers%20Report.pdf>

15/103 Parish Clerk's Report

- 103.1 The Parish Clerk reported that the Highways Enhancement Gang had been on site and painted the hand rail at the Community Centre.
- 103.2 It was noted that a letter had been received from a local resident regarding the café/bar facilities. It was agreed after a brief discussion that we would send the details to our insurance company for consideration.

Action: Parish Clerk

15/104 Finance

- 104.1 The Parish Clerk reported that a list of expenditure for June will be e-mailed to the Councillors for approval as the Community Centre had incurred an electricity power cut and therefore all photocopying services are not currently working .
- 104.2 The Parish Council considered a request from Grange Park Scout Group. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would donate £500.00 using the Council powers (*Local Government Act 1972 . s144*)

Action: Parish Clerk

15/105 Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 105.1 The following planning applications were received and considered:
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| Location: | 9 Old Close, Grange Park |
| Proposal: | Single Storey rear extension |
| Observations: | No comment |
- 105.2 It was noted that the Council had received the following Consultation Documents and had no comments to submit:
- La Estrella Tapas Bar, No 5 Wilks Way, Grange Park, NN4 5DW – Premises Licence
 - No approval/refusal planning decision notices were received.
 - Appeal dismissed at 62 The Ridings, Grange Park, Northampton NN4 5BN
- 105.3 The Parish Council agreed and approved in principle (dependant of cost) that they would be willing to split the cost of purchasing a new bench located at Grange Valley Greenway with Richmond Homes. The Parish Clerk was asked to pursue this matter.
- 105.4 It was noted that a resident had informed a Councillor that he felt that speeding is an ongoing issue along Foxfield Way. The Parish Council agreed to look into the purchasing of some speed activator signs/mobile speed camera . The Parish Clerk was asked to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Parish Clerk

15/106 Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

- 106.1 Cllr K Clarke reported on the Raffle Prizes that he has been able to secure. It was agreed to ask the Parish Clerk to seek further prizes from some of our contractors/suppliers.

Action: Parish Clerk

It was agreed that a working group meeting will be held on the 13th August to discuss any last minute details in relation to the Summer Fest which is planned for Sunday 30th August 2015 at Foxfield Country Park.

- 106.2 It was noted that the grant funding had been approved for the purchase of a marquee. The Parish Council delegated Cllrs Smith and Ash to look into the best deals and purchase one on behalf of the Parish Council.
Action: Cllrs Smith/Ash
- 106.3 The Council agreed to replace the noise limiter at Foxfield Pavilion with the Sentry Mk2 Cut off limiter at a cost of £579.00 including VAT. This price does not include installation so it was agreed to seek a price from a local electrician.
Action: Caretakers
- 106.4 Cllrs N Stansfield reported on the following in relation to the café/bar :
- EPOS system has arrived, data all entered, some issues with technical support.
 - Consider after the summer recess about closing on a Monday morning.
 - Limited opening hours over the Summer Recess, Posters will be circulated.
- 106.5 Cllr S Dawson reported on an on/off lead dog walking scheme which is currently being introduced in other locations within Northamptonshire. After a brief discussion it was agreed not to pursue this scheme within Grange Park.
- 106.6 The Parish Council also ask the Parish Clerk to speak to Grange Park Rangers about the charging of car parking at the recent tournament. It was believed that as the club were charging for parking at the Country Park it encouraged more visitors to park in the residential streets near-by.

15/107 Administration & Staffing

- 107.1 All staffing issues will be discussed under 15/112.

15/108 Environment

- 108.1 Contract 5 logs were circulated and the following issues were discussed:
- S38 land within the Rookery are now within our grass cutting regime
 - Kings Close – The post and Rail fencing will be replaced – the grass area around the tree will be monitored
 - Bluebell Rise – Hedgerow and dangerous tree will be removed and cut
 - Trees at Lodge Close – Ownership of Prologis
 - Wootton Brook pathways will be cut regularly and the Meadow in September
 - R&G to produce a list of Code 44 costs – additional jobs since the commencement of the contract.
 - Parish Clerk to obtain an Ordinance Survey login
- Cllr A Walker asked the Parish Clerk to let Western Power know that the land they refer to is Alamien Woods not the Spinney.
Action: Parish Clerk
- 108.2 The Parish Council considered a quote from A H Contracts to do some remedial works on the dog/litter bins around Grange Park. The Council agreed to the expenditure of £255.00 plus VAT and ask the Parish Clerk to arrange for the works to be carried out.
Action: Parish Clerk

15/109 Communication

- 109.1 The newsletter will be completed and circulated within July/August 2015.
- 109.2 Cllr Simon Clifford reported on a web software called ‘Nation builder’ and said that this may be the best option for the Parish Council. He will send some more details to the Councillors for information and consideration. It was agreed to look at the detail and defer any decision to the September Parish Council Meeting.
- 109.3 It was agreed that the existing Quiz Master due to work commitments will not be able to do the next quiz until the Autumn. All Councillors were asked to see if they knew anyone that could cover the next couple of months.
Action: All Council Members

15/110

Correspondence

110.1 No correspondence received.

15/111

Administration & Service Request

111.1 No request received.

15/112

Exclusion of Press and Public

112.1 Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted all members of the press and public were not invited to this session.

15/113

Date of the Next Meeting

113.1 The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 3rd September 5 at 7.30pm in the small hall at the Community Centre.

The Chairman wished everyone a good summer break .

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00hrs .