

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE , GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllrs A Walker (Ch) M Smith (Vch), A Stansfield, C Fry, N Stansfield, T Jainu-Deen, L Guedes, C Nobbs, J Proudley

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk)

11/33 Public Questions

Mr Robert Kruck joined the meeting on behalf of the residents within the Rookery, Grange Park regarding the purchasing of the strip of land at the back of their properties. The Chairman advised him that the land was still in the ownership of the developer (Prologis) and will not be transferred to the Parish Council until drainage issues have been resolved.

Paul Mason updated the Council on the following tasks and development that he is working on as Football Development Officer:

- Running Pre-school training sessions
- Advertise in the next edition of the newsletter for volunteers to referee mini soccer games (£10 per game)
- The Council agreed that he could borrow the Muga free of charge to provide training sessions for the youth over the Easter Holidays. The Clerk was asked to pass this information on to the Management association.
- Need to purchase some goal post at a cost of £900.00 per set (4 sets needed) and the installation. It was agreed that Paul would seek grant funding.

Jenny Evans, Youth Leader, introduced herself to the Council and gave a brief summary of issues and events which are ongoing since the club opened in January 2011. It was agreed that Jenny would give a verbal or written report to the Council quarterly. The Council agreed that if there were any issues then the first line of communication should be Cllr Fry and the Clerk.

Charlotte Johnson (PCSO) attended the meeting and gave us a brief update on issues affecting Grange Park – It was noted that operational Uno will commence in March for one month and this will entail two officers on patrol from 6-9pm around concerned areas of anti-social behaviour.

11/34 County/District Councillors Report

It was noted that Jean Morgan, Chief Executive of South Northants Council has taken voluntary Redundancy. The post has already been advertised and an appointment letter has been dispatched.

Elections for the referendum, District Councillor and Parish Councillors are scheduled for 5th May 2011 and will be held at the Community Centre, Grange Park.

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11/35 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs N Wilson and N Stansfield due to Work commitments.

11/36 Declaration of Members Interest

Cllr A Stansfield and Cllr Walker declared an interest in all issues relating to the allotments.

11/37 Minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2011

37.1 The Council approved and adopted the minutes dated the 3rd February 2011 and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

37.2 Matters arising
The Clerk was asked to dispose of any fireworks that are still at Foxfields. **Action: Clerk**

11/38 Chairman's Report

38.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that working groups have been formed in order to discuss issues in more depth and bring proposals back to Council for consideration.

11/39 Clerk's Report

39.1 The Clerk informed the Council that parish elections are due to take place on the 5th May 2011. Candidacy packages will be available for collection from the Parish Office week commencing 21st March 2011.

11/40 Finance

40.1 The Council approved the expenditure listed in Appendix 2.

40.2 The Clerk reported that the Foxfield Pavilion accounts have been audited and all the information has been posted to the external auditor of the Football Foundation for clarification.

40.3 The Clerk circulated the audit report received from the internal auditor

40.4 After a few minor modifications the Council agreed and approved to adopt our financial risk assessment and the effectiveness of our internal audit.

11/41 Planning, Highways and Transportation

41.1 The Parish Council considered the following:

No applications received for consideration

41.2 Planning decisions received:

No decisions/refusals received

11/42 Staffing

11/42 The Council agreed to schedule all staff appraisals for the end of March 2011. It was agreed that if anyone would like to be involved in this process to contact the Chairman. Cllr Walker and Cllr Fry Volunteered to be involved.

All other matters will be discussed under 11/47 and at this point members of the public and press will be excluded.

- 11/43 Association (inc buildings sports and social, association and youth)**
- 43.1 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that there is still some remedial works outstanding at Foxfields Country Park which is being resolved gradually. These issues are plumbing and electrical.
- The Council agreed to delegate Cllr Smith and the Clerk to sort out any outstanding issues with Wood & Weir and report back at the next parish meeting
- 43.2 The Council agreed and approved that they will be joint insurance policy holders with the Parish Council as from the 1st April 2011. A schedule of insurance covers has been circulated to members of the Council.
- 43.3 No outstanding matters to discuss affecting the Community Centre or Bowling Green.
- 43.4 Eight members of the public have joined the management association and become trustees. They will be responsible for the day to day running of the Pavilion, Muga, Bowling Green and Community Centre. All legal documents are in the process of being completed as well as applications for banking accounts and charity commission. TUPE consultation has begun with caretaking members of staff. This consultation period will last for 30 days. It is anticipated that the association will be active as from the 5th April 2011

- 11/44 Environment (inc Allotment, Contract 4, Openspaces)**
- 44.1 Cllr Walker gave a verbal report on the importance of agreeing to terms and conditions of a lease agreement with the allotments association.
- 44.2 It was agreed that we would cancel the next contract 4 meeting until March. The Clerk was asked to organise and liaise with Cllr Walker/N Stansfield and also let all other councillors know date and time. It was also agreed that after the elections it would be beneficial if our consultant David Newman attended some evening meetings perhaps prior to full council.
- 44.3 Cllr Fry and Cllr Walker updated the Council on the two quotes which had been received to replace the play equipment and flooring at the playparks adjacent to Woodland View Primary School. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would contract the supplier EIBE and order the required equipment as soon as possible and hopefully get it operation before the commencement of the Easter Holidays.
- The Clerk was asked to organise this with immediate effect. **Action: Clerk**

- 11/45 Communication**
- 45.1 The Council requested that Cllrs A & N Stansfield seek from Rapley's an indemnity regarding any proposed art work to be installed at the new development site (old IKEA Site) .
Action: Cllrs Stansfield
- 45.2 Cllr Fry informed the meeting on the arrangements for the Royal Wedding (29th April at Foxfield Country Park). It was confirmed that South Northants District Council will be offering the climbing wall and the Play Rangers for the craft tent. It was agreed that it would be discussed further at the next Parish meeting in April 2011.

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11/46 Correspondence

46.1 All issues discussed within the meeting

11/47 Exclusion of Press and Public

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

11/48 Date of the Next Meeting

48.1 The Next Meeting of the Council will be held on the Thursday 7th April 2011 at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm