

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 3rd MARCH 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

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

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk).

16/17 Public Questions

- 17.1 PCSO Tara Cooksammy and Police Officer Tanya Ash joined the meeting to address any issues within Grange Park , the main issue being inconsiderate parking.

16/18 County/District Councillors Report

- 18.1 County Councillor Michael Clarke gave an update on the following
- Final budget decisions will take place later this month following a six week consultation period outlining how NCC will save £65m to help face up to soaring demand for services and plummeting funding from Central Government
 - All other news from NCC can be found on their website <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/news/pages/newshome.aspx>
 - Double Yellow Lines are to be installed during the next financial year at Bridge Meadow Way and Saxon Avenue.
- 18.2 An email had been received from both District Councillors stating that they had no issues to report in Grange Park . Although District Councillor A Sadygov did send the Council a report on all current Council issues for information.

16/19 Apologies for Absence

- 19.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors N Stansfield, J Davies, S Clifford and District Councillor A Sadygov.

16/20 Declaration of Members Interest

- 20.1 Cllrs A Walker and M Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the Allotments at Lark Lane.

16/21 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th February 2016

- 21.1 The Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 4th February 2016 and the Chairman signed them as a true record after the following amendment:

07.1 Should read '*Spinney Wood Not Alamein Wood* ' and 02.1 should Read '*AVIA* '

- 21.2 No matters arising

16/22 Co-option of Parish Councillor

- 22.1 The Parish Council considered two applications for the post of co-option of a Parish Councillor. Resumes were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting for information. Each candidate addressed the Council and spoke on why they wanted to be a Councillor and the knowledge that they could bring to the group.
- (Candidates left the room) Members voted unanimously to co-opt Mr M Carlin to the council to fill the vacancy . It was agreed that Cllr M Carlin would visit the Parish Office on Monday to fill in the associated paperwork. **Action: Parish Clerk**

16/23

Chairman's Report

- 23.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda

16/24

Parish Clerk's Report

- 24.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda.
- 24.2 The Parish Clerk circulated all the information to the Councillors via e-mail regarding the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) presentation that she attended on the 10th February 2016.

16/25

Finance

- 25.1 The Parish Council approved the accounts that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (Hardcopies were available at the meeting)
- 25.2 An internal report from NCALC auditors were received and circulated to all councillors for consideration. There were no matter arising.
- 25.3 After a long discussion and looking at all the options the Parish Council decided to keep with the existing Parish Vehicle and pay the balloon payment (as per our budget for 2016/17) on the 14th June 2016 . The Parish Clerk was asked to sort out the relevant paperwork.
- Action: Parish Clerk**

16/26

Planning, Highways and Transportation

- 26.1 The following planning applications were received and discussed:
- S/2016/0323/FUL
Location: 35 Quintonside , Grange Park
Proposal: Conversion of part integral garage to habitable room (Kitchen)
Observations: No comment
- 26.2 No approval or refusal planning applications
- 26.3 It was noted for information that a Post Box will be installed at The Ridings.
- 26.4 It was agreed that once all the comments have been received from Parish Councillors then we would submit an Article 44 to SNC for approval which will restrict the amount of HMO's (House of Multiple Occupations) within the Parish.
- 26.5 It was noted that the land transfers from Bellway Homes to the Parish Council are being processed and the Clerk is liaising with the appropriate solicitor.

Parish

16/27

Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

- 27.1 A report of the current financial situation of the café/bar was deferred until the Working Group Meeting which was scheduled for Monday 7th March 2016.
- 27.2 The new installation date of Superfast Broadband at the Pavilion has been scheduled for Wednesday 23rd March 2016.
- 27.3 The Parish Council agreed that Cllr A Huddart investigate the cost of providing sanitising gels for both Community sites and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- 27.4 The Parish Council went out to four contractors for a quote for some remedial works to be done on the fencing around the Muga. The only quote received was from L A Construction at a cost of £1609.90. It was agreed to speak to our insurance company and ask if we can claim , if not then to proceed with the quote.

Action: Parish Clerk

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16/28 Administration & Staffing

28.1 No staffing issues to report.

16/29 Environment

29.1 It was noted that K Francis our landscape consultant and Cllrs Smith and Stansfield completed a site visit to some of the woodland areas around Grange Park to identify any potential issues with the trees. It was agreed that a team of 3 men for one day would deal with any trees that came under our policy of 'Dead, Dying and Dangerous (approx. cost of £250) and that the others would be marked if felt they needed some additional works later in the year.

An Ash tree and plaque were considered and a site location proposed as a memorial for Cllr Stuart Ash who passed away suddenly at the beginning of the year.

29.2 The Parish Council went out to tender to eight contractors for the construction works at the allotments. Only two quotes were received and these were considered at the meeting. It was agreed by all members of the Council present that due to the construction cost, additional works, project management and no yearly maintenance period that we would go with Northampton County Council. The estimated cost of the project is £59,224.35 plus VAT. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to NCC and provide them with the appropriate paperwork.

Action: Parish Clerk

16/30 Communication

30.1 It was noted that the next edition of the Newsletter will be formulated and circulated in April.

30.2 Due to time constraints, it was agreed to consider a proposal from Cllr A Huddart for a 'Mission Statement and Council Responsibilities' at our next meeting in April.

16/31 Correspondence

31.1 No correspondence received.

16/32 Administration & Service Request

32.1 No Administration or Service Request received.

16/33 Date of the Next Meeting

33.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 7th April at 7.30pm in the small hall at the Community Centre.

Please note that there will also be the Annual Parish Meeting (meeting of the electorate) which is scheduled for 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50hrs.

List of Actions

Minute Ref:	Action	By Whom
22.1	Co-option of Parish Councillor associated paperwork	Parish Clerk
27.4	Remedial work around the fencing of the MUGA	Parish Clerk
29.2	To sort out the tender documents for the allotments entrance	Parish Clerk