



GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th MAY 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE , GRANGE PARK

Present: Cllr M. Smith (Ch), Cllr C. Fry (Vch), Cllr M. Aluko, Cllr J. Walker, Cllr J. Proudley, Cllr L. Guedes and Cllr A Stansfield

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Clerk) Ms. L Service (Asst. Clerk)

11/65 PUBLIC QUESTIONS
None

11/66 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- 66.1 In light of the recent uncontested elections, Dist Cllr Paul Farrow Congratulated the Parish Councillors and thanked them for their continued efforts and involvement. It was noted less than 40% of residents in Grange Park voted at the recent elections. In the district 74% voted resulting in conservatives losing 2 seats.
Mark Davidson and Paul Farrow were elected with 84.4% of the votes.
It was reported that the District Councillors need to communicate and engage with the residents of Grange park and they plan to facilitate this by a regular surgery within the community.
There currently are three Parish Councillor vacancies remaining.

There are egress/exit issues relating to the allotments at Lark Lane. It was noted the Parish Council would look into the matter and put it on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting in June 2011.

11/67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N. Stansfield due to work commitments and Cllr A. Walker away on holiday.

11/68 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

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

11/69 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7TH APRIL 2011

- 69.1 The council approved and adopted the minutes dated 7th. April 2011 and The Chairman signed them as a true record.
- 69.2 Matters arising
The clerk was asked to chase Andrew Pharoah of Rapleys regarding proposed insurance and maintenance of any art at the new development site.

Action: Clerk

11/70 CHAIRMANS REPORT
No report received.

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11/71 CLERKS REPORT

- 71.1 All Clerks items to be discussed on the agenda.
- 71.2 In relation to the use of the parish vehicle, the Clerk requested that anyone using the vehicle to ensure that it was returned in the same condition as received. The Clerk also appealed to anybody who has used the vehicle in the recent weeks to have a look for the spare set of keys, which are currently missing.

11/72 FINANCE

- 72.1 The council agreed and approved the accounts (list to be circulated at the meeting)
- 72.2 The council approved the End of year accounts for 2010/11 and delegated the Clerk to proceed with the next stage of the internal audit.
- 72.3 Clerk to continue to seek quotations and formal valuations of the parish assets including the community centre and Foxfields Pavillion, for insurance purposes.

11/73 PLANNING

S/201/0449/FUL

Location: 31 The Meadows, Grange Park
Proposal: Erection of 6ft feathered edge fence
Observations: Concern was expressed in relation to ownership of land.

S/2011/0479/FUL

Location: 11 Swift Close, Grange Park
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Observations: No comments

11/74 STAFFING

The council agreed to defer all confidential issues to item 11/79.

11/75 ASSOCIATION (including buildings sports and social association & youth)

- 75.1 Cllr Smith reported that were numerous electrical/maintenance issues still outstanding at Foxfields. The Council agreed to delegate the Chairman and the Parish Clerk to resolve.
- 75.2 Members of the Grange Park Community & Sports Association met last month and will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Minutes of meeting to be circulated and made available on their website. The next meeting is scheduled for the 20th May 2011 8.00pm at Foxfield Pavillion. Cllr Aluko offered to take pictures and produce some promotional information for both the Community Centre and Foxfields which can be handed out to prospective users and also included on their website..

11/76 ENVIRONMENT (inc allotment, Contract 4, open spaces)

- 76.1 In the absence of Contract 4 representatives the clerk reported the following:
- Damage to flooring at Wake Way play park, it was agreed to be repaired at a cost of no more than £500. Due to health & safety and further vandalism the swing has been removed from the park. The Clerk was asked to contact the police crime prevention unit to discuss the options for cctv/motion sensored camera.
- 76.2 The council approved to send Eibe the balance remaining on the new equipment to be installed at the park adjacent to the school.
- 76.3 The youth club advised that they will re-open Thursday 12th. May and have changed the starting age limit to children who are currently in Year 8 of secondary school. Cllr Fry advised the council that the youth club would be holding a Litter Pick/ Funday on 2nd June at Foxfield country park.
- 76.4 All vandalism to play parks discussed under item 76.1.

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COMMUNICATION

- 77.1 Nothing to report on community activities, neighbourhood watch and the arts.
- 77.2 Cllr Fry thanked everybody who helped at the Royal Wedding Event at Foxfields Pavilion on the 29th April 2011. The event was well attended and appreciated by the local residents. A summary of income and expenditure will be emailed to all councillor's
- 77.3 It was agreed that the Event's Committee would disband and return all funds to the parish council with all relevant paperwork. The parish decided that they would spend the above funds to purchase a bbq and marquee which could be rented out to prospective hirers. The Clerk was asked to look into obtaining a trade card for Costco. **Action : Clerk**
- 77.4 Cllr Fry informed the meeting that the newsletter is currently being compiled by Cllr Aluko and will be circulated to all residents on 28/29th May 2011. It was agreed during the next few months the Parish Office would try to promote advertising space to businesses within the community.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 78.1 A Letter had been received from a local resident in relation to a neighbour dispute. Dist Cllr Paul Farrow agreed to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

11/79

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.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- 80.1 The next meeting of the council will be held on Thursday 9th June at Grange Park Community Centre.