

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH. OCTOBER 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllr M Smith (Ch), Cllr C.Fry (Vch), Cllr A Walker, Cllr M Aluko,
Cllr J Walker, Cllr A Stansfield, Cllr L Guedes, Cllr J Davies, Cllr S Allen
Attending: Mrs. T Sampson (Clerk), Mrs. L Service (Asst. Clerk)

Prior to the Parish Council meeting there was a presentation about Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge by Jamie Leeson from Fields in Trust. Prince William has become Patron of The Fields, an initiative to protect and create hundreds of playing fields throughout the United Kingdom in honour of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The project, run by Fields in Trust, is an ambitious programme which will ensure that people across the country, both now and for generations to come, have access to outdoor recreational spaces for sport and physical activity. The parish council decided to consider any projects that could be protected within our parish.

Action: All Members

11/140 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

11/140.1 P.C.S.O Charlotte Johnson gave a verbal report that since 19.09.2011 there had been 8 reported shed break ins in Grange Park area the incidents are currently being investigated. On foot speed enforcement had recently been carried out on Saxon Ave with 10 cars found to be in excess of the speed limit. Charlotte advised that a high impact day to be carried out on Saxon Avenue.

Action: PCSO C Johnson

11/141 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

11/141.1 One application had been received from a resident who wished to be considered for the post of co-opted Parish Councillor. The council agreed and approved that Mr. Sean Dawson be duly co-opted. The Clerk asked Mr. Dawson to sign the appropriate forms.

Action: Clerk

11/142 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

11/142.1 District Cllr Paul Farrow had nothing to report. District Cllr Farrow was asked to look into the services that are provided by SNC in relation to fly tipping and street cleansing. Cllr Farrow advised he would seek clarification on who provides the service whether it is District/County Council's responsibility since some of the roads have been adopted.

Action: District Cllr

11/143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

11/143.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Stansfield, Cllr J Proudley and District Cllr M Davidson due to work commitments.

11/144 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

11/144.1 Cllr A Stansfield, Cllr A Walker, Cllr J Walker and Cllr J Davies declared an interest in all issues relating to the allotments.

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11/145 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9TH JUNE 2011

- 11/145.1 The Council agreed that prior to the minutes being signed that a minor alteration was required. Amendment to 135.2 to read Wootton Brook Country Park.
- 11/145.2 No matters arising from the minutes/appendix 1.

11/146 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- 11/146.1 The Chairman reported that Andrea Leadsom Conservative Member of Parliament for the South Northamptonshire County Constituency wishes to attend a Parish Council meeting and place an article in the Grange Park Newsletter. The Clerk was asked to send a schedule of dates for Parish Council meetings for consideration. **Action: Clerk**
- 11/146.2 A letter has been received from SNC Strategic Housing Officer wishing to attend a Parish Council meeting in relation to affordable housing survey of Grange Park. The Clerk will formally invite and request an agenda. **Action: Clerk**

11/147 CLERKS REPORT

- 11/147.1 Information was received from SNC regarding a training session for Parish Councils relating to the Council Tax setting process. The Clerk reported that herself, Cllr Fry and Asst. Clerk L Service would be attending on Tues 11th October 2011 at SNC. The Clerk has received several complaints from residents relating to the turning off of street lights in the evenings. The Clerk explained that she now had a letter of explanation available to residents. The council agreed to make enquiries to find out what the cost would be to keep the lights on. **Action: Clerk**
- 11/147.2 The photocopier lease has been renewed. A representative visited the Council office to advise on alternative machines to upgrade to as they will no longer be providing canon machines. An alternative was offered at the same price that included colour. The Clerk was delegated to negotiate agreement and cost. **Action: Clerk**

11/148 FINANCE

- 11/148.1 Accounts agreed and approved.

11/149 PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

- 11/149.1 No Planning applications to consider.
- 11/149.2 The Parish Council is awaiting a response from the enforcement officer in relation to 9 Rickyard Walk regarding planning decisions.
- 11/149.3 The Council discussed the snow gritting regime. The Committee were informed by the County Council that Saxon Avenue was gritted winter period 2010 65 times. This year the County Council proposes to grit the following adopted roads: Saxon Ave, Wake Way, Quintonside & part of Bridge Meadow Way. The Parish Council will liaise with County Council to enquire whether they would provide salt for the existing salt bins that the parish council own. It was agreed that the existing salt bins be re-located to areas where the roads will not be gritted. Once the salt bin locations have been agreed the Council will consider the purchase of further salt bins for any other areas and possibly Foxfield Country Park. Salt to be sourced and purchased. **Action: Cllr M Aluko**
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- 11/149.4 Cllr J walker gave a verbal report on a proposed lay by and tabled a draft design for outside Richmond Homes. After a discussion it was agreed the Council delegated the Clerk and Cllr Walker to liaise with NCC regarding the draft proposal and associated costs. **Action: Cllr J Walker/Clerk**
- 11/149.5 The Parish council considered a request from a local resident regarding access arrangements to the play area at the square, Grange Park. After a brief discussion the Council decided against making any alterations to the railings.
- 11/150 STAFFING**
- 11/150.1 Nothing to report.
- 11/151 ASSOCIATION (Inc buildings sports and social, youth)**
- 11/151.1 The Chairman reported that the kitchen has been partially installed in the treatment room at Foxfields and is due for completion at the end of this week.
- 11/151.2 Caretaker Mr. J. Lawrence continues to work through outstanding snagging issues at Foxfields.
- 11/151.3 Cllr Walker reported that an Association meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th. October 2011. Cllr Guedes requested Association minutes as agreed in a previous Parish Council meeting 9th. June 2011 minutes item 91.2.
- 11/152 ENVIRONMENT**
- 11/152.1 The Council is meeting with Chris Bond Head of Highways Northampton County Council Friday 7th. October 2011 to discuss outstanding issues relating to the allotments at Lark Lane.
- 11/152.2 The Chairman reported a meeting was held on Monday 3rd. October 2011 regarding Contract 5. Quartet Design have drafted Contract 5 plans and schedule of work these have been received by the Council for consideration to go out to tender once agreed. The Parish Council requested that Quartet Design obtain 3 quotes in relation to remedial work at the ditch on Millers way. The Clerk was asked to implement this. **Action: Clerk**
- 11/152.3 Cllr Fry reported that Youth Inspired applied to SNC/Daventry District Council for funding a grant has been approved of £3,280.00 to cover two detached youth workers and running costs of the youth club.
- The youth club visited Alton Towers in the summer holidays. Youth from Grange Park, Hartwell, Roade, Hardingstone, Wootton & East Hunsbury attended. There were 52 attendees in total, 5 from Grange Park.
 - The Streetvibes young people's service will be at Budgens car park every Wednesday for six weeks commencing 5th. October 2011. The mobile unit has a number of interactive interests and is aimed at engaging with the youth between the ages of 13-19yrs.
 - A trip to Roade swimming pool is being planned.
 - Visit to Caroline Chisholm School to promote the club in Year 8 assembly.
 - Currently considering other activities that can be carried out during the winter period.
 - Facebook page.

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COMMUNICATION (Inc events, website & community events)

11/153.1 All neighbourhood watch and arts information updated regularly and posted onto the website.

11/153.2 The council discussed the following events:

Fireworks Event - Organised to take place Saturday 5th. November 2011 at Foxfield Country Park. The Council is looking into purchasing barrier tape, fire blankets and walkie talkies. Hot snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at the event. Cllr Walker advised Cllr Fry to contact Richard Knott Scout Leader in respect of volunteers to assist at the event. Cllr Fry proposed that any groups assisting with volunteers should receive an agreed donation providing that minimum number of volunteers per group is met. This was agreed. The Assistant Clerk volunteered to put up posters around Grange Park advertising the event.

**Action: Vice Chair/
Asst. Clerk**

New Years Eve – It was agreed that The Council will not organize a community New Year's Eve event. It will be forwarded to The Association to discuss at their scheduled meeting whether they will provide staffing for the opening and closing of Foxfields on New Year's Eve for hire.

Action: Cllr A Walker

Diamond Jubilee – A brief discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council would hold a community event on Sunday 3rd. June and will be discussed nearer the time.

**Action: Cllr A Stansfield/
Cllr L Guedes**

11/153.3 Risk assessment for Firework event 5th. November 2011 agreed and approved.

11/153.4 The Clerk had been unsuccessful in contacting Cllr Proudley via email to obtain a financial breakdown from the events committee. It was agreed a formal letter be sent to Cllr Proudley.

Action: Clerk

11/153.5 The Parish Council is looking into extending the wireless connection range at Foxfields. Nothing to report on the website. Deadline for newsletter articles and adverts 4th. Nov 2011.

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CORRESPONDENCE

11/154.1 A letter has been received from the Rainbows group requesting a grant from The Parish Council. It was agreed a grant of £250 be given to Rainbows to offset against hire costs.

11/154.2 Correspondance was received from a resident of Millers way suggesting that some of the railings be removed in order to allow pedestrian access right through Millers Way. After a brief discussion the council decided against the removal of any railings.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 3rd. November 2011 and will be held at the Community Centre

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm