

GRANGE PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Parish Council: 01604 702938

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRANGE PARK.

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Ch), Cllrs J Davies (V. Ch), N Stansfield, M Aluko, A Huddart, K Clarke and S Allen

Attending: Mrs T Sampson (Parish Clerk), District Councillor A Sadygov.

16/104 Public Questions

Local residents joined the meeting to discuss the following issues:

- ***Parking on the roundabout at School Lane.***
The Parish Council advised the resident that Northampton County Council are in the process of scheduling the works to make School Lane one way, remove the roundabout and make some drop off bays.
- ***Trees at the Woodlands***
It was noted that some residents have suggested that the height of the trees behind their properties are affecting their reception of Sky TV. It was agreed that the Parish Council would need some evidence from Sky before they are able to look into the issues.
- ***Proposed Events***
Suggestions were discussed for a 'Treasure Hunt, Scarecrow Festival, Farmers Market' and perhaps the Parish Council can liaise with the PTA of Woodland View Primary School.
- ***Dumping of Newspapers***
It was noted that some Herald and Post Newspapers have been dumped within the walkway of Great Ground Walk and Old Close.
- ***Environmental Audit***
A local resident had walked around the Parish to identify small issues affecting the environment. This list was tabled at the meeting and most of the issues were in relation to the Barratts site which is under a management Company. The Parish Clerk was asked to pass on the issues.

16/105 County/District Councillors Report

- 105.1 Due to the Summer recess there were no issues to report from our County Councillor Michael Clarke.
- 105.2 District A Sadygov gave a verbal update on issues affecting the District Council. All information can be found by visiting their website on <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/>.

16/106 Apologies for Absence

- 106.1 Due to holiday and work commitments the following apologies were received and accepted: Parish Councillors A Walker, D Harris, S Clifford and County Councillor M Clarke.

16/107 Declaration of Members Interest

- 107.1 Cllr M Smith and N Stansfield declared an interest in any matters relating to the Allotments at Lark Lane.

16/108 Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7th July 2016

- 108.1 The Parish Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 7th July 2016 and the Acting Chairman Cllr J Davies signed them as a true record.
- 108.2 The Parish Council agreed and approved the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting dated 19th July 2016 and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
- 108.3 No matters arising

16/109

Chairman's Report

109.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda.

16/110

Parish Clerk's Report

110.1 No report as all matters are covered on the agenda

16/111

Co-option of Parish Councillors

111.1 It was noted that there are two vacancies for the post of co-opted Parish Councillor to Grange Park Parish Council. The following candidates were approved and duly co-opted: Andy Millerchip and Claire Fry. It was noted that they need to go into the Parish Office and sign the relevant forms: Acceptance of Office, Code of Conduct and Register of Interest.

16/112

Finance

112.1 The Parish Council approved the accounts that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (Hardcopies were available at the meeting)

112.2 It was noted that the external accounts for 2015/16 have been approved by BDO and the following issue was raised: That the accounts were approved after the commencement of the inspection period of the exercise of electors' rights. The Parish Council noted the comment.

16/113

Planning, Highways and Transportation

113.1 The following Planning Applications was tabled:

S/2016/2003/FUL

Location: 43 Rickyard Walk, Grange Park

Proposal: Relocation of existing boundary fence

Observations: We express concern about them keeping the fence within their boundary and not encroaching on public land.

S/2016/1858/FUL

Location: Unit A, Zone C Saxon Avenue, Grange Park

Proposal: Erection of 45,000ltr fuel tank in the north-eastern corner of Unit A

Observations: No comment

S/2016/1861/FUL

Location: Unit A, Saxon Avenue, Grange Park

Proposal: Nine non- illuminated fascia signs, one non -illuminated free standing directional sign and one illuminated totem sign

Observations: No comment

S/2016/1893/FUL

Location: 67 Baines Way, Grange Park

Proposal: Single storey extension to side of dwelling and installation of bi fold doors to south-east

Observations: No comment

113.2 No planning approval or refusal decision notices were received.

16/114

Community Centre, Foxfield & Bowling Green

114.1 The Chairman thanked everyone for helping out on the Summer Fest and special thanks were given to Cllr J Davies, the Parish Clerk and her team for all the organising prior to the event. It was noted that it was another successful event and well attended by the residents. The accounts have been completed and we are just awaiting a VAT recoverable receipt from the Co-op for stock purchased. The Ash Dash raised £313 of which Grange Park Rangers donated £116. The Parish Council agreed to match fund this and send a donation to Macmillan Cancer Fund of £626.00.

- 114.2 Cllr A Huddart updated the Council on the following changes to the Café/Bar:
- Redecoration will take place in September
 - New Coffee Machine has been installed
 - Draft beer and order 1 casket of Fosters and Bulmer's Red Berry will be available in September
 - New food Menus have been formulated
 - We have joined the Fare Share Food cloud Tesco donations
 - Staff reductions have been implemented on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings.
 - A list of proposed events was tabled including Table Top Sale, Quiz nights etc.
 - Flyers are in hand to be produced and then posted to all residents of Grange Park

16/115 Administration & Staffing

- 115.1 No staffing issues to report
- 115.2 The Parish Clerk reported that we have recruited a Café/Bar supervisor on a temporary basis and everything is going well and new changes have been implemented. It was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss this post with a view to making it permanent at the working group meeting which is scheduled for Monday 19th September 2016. All proposals will be subject to approval at the next Parish Council meeting in October.
- 115.3 Cllr M Smith reported that Youth Club have their first session tonight after the summer recess. Numbers continue to grow and at present have over 300 children on the register. The Parish Council are currently looking to provide some additional storage space and have obtained funding for this project.

16/116 Environment

- 116.1 It was noted that an up to date list of outstanding environmental issues has been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting for information. The Council agreed to have a working group meeting on Monday 19th September to discuss individual issues in more detail.
- 116.2 The Council received a revised quote from NCC in relation to the allotments entrance. The new cost are as follows: The original price was £59224.35 which included £3915.00 allowance for fencing. The new revised cost is £57722.99 which includes the fence being replace with a 2.0m high plastic coated V Mex at a cost of £11540.28. After a long discussion the Parish Council voted that in order to reduce the cost they would not replace the existing fencing. All Councillors present apart from those who declared an interest in this matter approved and agreed the proposal. The Parish Clerk was asked to relay this message back to the sub-contractors and seek a revised invoice cost.
- 116.3 There were no Recreation and Amenities issue to report. It was noted that due to work/personal commitments and being a Lead Councillor on the café/bar that Cllr A Huddart would like to hand the role of Lead Councillor of the Recreation and Amenities Working Group to another member of the Council.
- 116.4 The Chairman updated the Council on the recent Travellers that were at Wootton Brook during the summer break. The responsibilities for the eviction/clearing up are with the registered land owner. Grange Park Parish Council in this instance did contact Bellway who paid their contractors too clear away all the left debris and are also looking into a different design for the exit to stop this situation happening in future. The Parish Council also asked the Parish Clerk to speak to Prologis in regard to putting up some physical barrier on the corner of Saxon Avenue to prevent travellers.
Action: Parish Clerk
- Comment were also noted about the landscaping at the New Clipper Site and the Parish Clerk was asked to speak to the contractor Prologis.
Action: Parish Clerk

16/117 Communication

- 117.1 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would talk to Towcester Town Council about their website via 2commune.
Action: Parish Clerk
- It was agreed to look into producing a flyer or a complete edition of the newsletter before the winter period.
Action: Parish Clerk
- 117.2 Cllr K Clarke informed the meeting that he would like to arrange some social evenings later in the year.
- 117.3 It was noted that the Firework Display has been booked for Saturday 5th November 2016. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the fair -ground manager and book the same rides as last year. **Action: Parish Clerk**

16/118 Correspondence

118.1 All matters of correspondence have been dealt within the meeting.

16/119 Administration & Service Request

119.1 It was agreed that a Finance Working Group Meeting be scheduled for Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30pm within the Café Bar.

16/120 Date of the Next Meeting

120.1.1 The next **Parish Council meeting will be held on the 6th October 2016 at 7.30pm** in the small hall at the Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

List of Actions

Minute Ref:	Action	By Whom
116.4	Speak to Prologis about some physical Barrier on the end of Saxon Avenue	Parish Clerk
117.1	To speak to Towcester Town Council about website via 2 commune	Parish Clerk
117.3	Organise the Firework Display, advertise etc	Parish Clerk