Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 10 December 2007 at 8.00pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors, R Bryan, Mrs C Dowden, Mrs A Dyde, and Mrs K Oliver.

Apologies for Absence: apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson, G Bentley-Bloor, Mrs T Bentley-Bloor and Mrs L Guy.

47 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

48 Finance and General Purpose Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 26 November 2007 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Clerk

Action

49 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the above association inviting the Parish Council to join it. Members, having considered the benefits of joining such an association together with the level of the joining fee, did not feel that it would be cost effective for the Parish Council to take up membership.

Resolved:

That the invitation to join the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, be declined.

Clerk

50 Accounts

The Clerk submitted details of accounts received and paid since the last meeting.

Resolved:

That the accounts as set out below be approved for payment:-

	£	
Staples	73.98	Purchase of
		Laminator and
		pouches
Mr A R Purr	550.35	Clerks Salary
H M Revenue	239.97	Tax 165- NI 74.97

51 Borough and County Member Reports

Councillor Mrs Dowden raised the following matter on behalf of Mrs L Guy who had given apologies for this meeting.

As requested by members at the last meeting Mrs Guy had obtained two quotations for the provision of hanging baskets and troughs in respect of Valley Park in Bloom 2008. However it was noted that these quotes were higher than our current suppliers. She had also managed to secure some sponsorship from local companies. Councillor Dowden also reported that he had obtained sponsorship for the event and that he arranged for Mick Channon to launch "Valley Park in Bloom" next year.

Councillor Dowden reported that, following information he had received concerning a decision of the Home Office to cease the funding of the non emergency 101 number, he had submitted the following motion to TVBC for consideration at the next Council meeting.

"That Test Valley Borough Council strongly objects to the decision by the Home Office to cease the direct funding for the non-emergency 101 number.

This Council notes the improvements the 101 number has made to policing by cutting down on non-emergency calls to the 999 number, reducing the number of unnecessary and costly immediate police call outs and improving the co-ordination and efficiency of the police, local authorities and local services; is deeply concerned that these improvements will be lost if the 101 service is forced to close; and calls on the Home Office Department to urgently reconsider its decision to withdraw funding of the 101 service."

Councillor Dowden also reported upon planning issues at TVBC and in particular the Local Development Framework.

Within the local Development Framework there was a core strategy for Southern Hampshire which required the provision of around 3200 new homes. This core strategy would propose where this new housing would be provided and it was expected that TVBC would announced details in January when it would be put out for consultation.

52 Planning Applications

12 Wheat Close chandlers Ford 07/03340/Fulls Erection of conservatory to rear of property.

Resolved:

That no comment be made on this application.

12 Woodend Way Chandlers Ford 07/03424/Fulls Erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.

Resolved:

That no comment be made on this application.

33 Raglan Close Chandlers Ford 07/03325/TPOS Pruning of oak Tree

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to no objections being raised by the Arboriculture Officer.

2 Poppy fields Chandlers Ford 07/03366/Fulls Erection of cobservatory

Resolved:

That no comment be made on this application.

21 Pennard Way Chandlers Ford 07/03373/TPOS Pruning of eucalyptus, 2 oak trees and a Cypress hedge.

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to no objections being raised by the Arboriculture Officer.

2 Rowlands Close Chandlers Ford 07/03320/Fulls Erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/dinig area and WC.

Resolved:

That subject to no objections being made by the neighbour then no objection be made to this application.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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