

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 14 January 2008 at 8.00pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Bentley-Bloor and T Bentley-Bloor.

**Action**

**53 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**54 Matters Arising**

The Chairman referred to minute no 51 and advised members that his motion had been supported by TVBC.

In relation to Valley Park in Bloom the Chairman advised members that Mick Channon had agreed to launch the event on 25 June 2007 at 11.00 am.

**55 Anti Social Behaviour**

Jon Whale from Hampshire County Council, who was in charge of Hampshire's Accredited Community Support Officers, attended the meeting and reported on the patrols which had been undertaken in Valley Park in the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

During the period officers from the Central Team had patrolled Valley Park either on foot, on bikes or in a patrol vehicle.

The main area of concern was the amount of graffiti in the area which made it look untidy and as a result officers had put together a visual audit of the graffiti found, took photographs and removed it.

Many hours had been spent in the area talking to groups of young people that hung around the leisure park or outside shops, letting them know what the officers were about. Good relationships were being built up with these young people. Time had also been spent carrying out high visibility and reassurance patrols and talking to residents.

There had been a couple of incidents relating to fly posting and untaxed vehicles which had been dealt with but the most significant incident was the seizure of a large amount of alcohol from a group of underage males. This had resulted in a number of actions including letters being sent to the parents of those involved.

The Chairman referred to the fact that TVBC was to make designated public orders in late spring and this would enable police officers to confiscate alcohol from anyone.

Reference was also made to 101 referrals and that for the Valley Park area was surprisingly low although two more 101 calls had been received in the last couple of days from retailers when closing up. The Chairman also mentioned that this service would stop shortly.

Jon offered to provide reports to the Parish council on a quarterly basis and this was welcomed by members. He also advised members that his Deputy team Leader, Rob Green, would attend the next meeting to take any further questions on the Valley Park patrols.

**Resolved:**

**That Jon Whale be thanked for presenting his report and that his offer of quarterly reports to the Parish Council be welcomed.**

**56 Correspondence**

The Chairman advised members that he had received an email from the Passenger Transport Group at the County advising them of Solent blue Line's decision to cease services. Valley park would be particularly hard hit with the cessation of the Red Rocket bus.

Members were clearly disappointed with this news and wished an objection to be lodged with the Passenger Transport Group. Reference was also made to the school buses which ran to Thornden from Valley Park. These were often late, the service was inconsistent and they were very overcrowded as only single deck buses had been put on.

**Resolved:**

**That an objection be made to the cessation of the buses referred to above to the Passenger Transport Group and that they also be advised of the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the service provided for those children who lived in Valley Park and attended Thornden School.**

**57 Public Questions**

Steve White from then Friends of the Parks attended the meeting and asked if the Council had any views on the train timetable to Salisbury. The Chairman advised that this was a matter for South West train to address.

Steve White also offered the services of the Friends of the Parks to help with any planting schemes they may have in the future however the Chairman replied that the Parish did not own any land at this time.

Steve White explained to members that his group had been spending a lot of time preparing a leisure map of Valley Park and asked whether the Council could help in any way in finalising this. It was suggested that the group contact TVBC leisure services in the first place as they might be able to provide support. However if this was not the case then it was suggested that they find someone who would be able to help together with likely costs with a view to possible funding by the Parish Council.

**58 Borough and County Member Reports**

The Chairman referred to the fact that despite representation the post office at Chandlers Ford would close. The nearest post office to Valley Park would now be Hiltingbury or North Baddesly. Oakmount was currently closed but would open again soon.

Cllr Mrs Dyde reported that she had been appointed to TVBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee and members thought she would be an effective voice on this Committee.

Cllr Mrs Guy reported that TVBC southern area planning had approved the Adanac site application which would provide approx 4000 jobs. She also advised that TVBC had approved the Core Strategy for consultation. This would be from 1<sup>st</sup> February and residents would be able to write in support of the preferred option. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council and Valley Park residents would be well advised to comment on the Core Strategy, particularly the preferred sites.

Mrs Guy advised that she had obtained information from B&Q relating to an application for grant aid towards the Teddy Bears Picnic event and it was suggested that an application be made for £500 promoting green culture with the Friends of the Park in Valley Park.

**Resolved:**

**That an application be made to B&Q for grant aid towards the Teddy Bears Picnic event and that the matter be discussed in further detail at the next meeting**

**Action**

Councillor Anderson referred to the phasing of the traffic lights at the junction of Castle Lane and to the congestion this was causing at peak times. The Chairman undertook to raise this issue with Highways and ask them to check the phasing between the peak hours of 8.00 am and 9.00 am.

Chairman

**59 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:-

<b>Turning Leaves Ltd</b>	<b>£ 319.60</b>	<b>Strimming costs</b>
<b>Mr A R Purr</b>	<b>819.75</b>	<b>Clerks Salary - Clerks Quarterly Allowance - Mileage -Stationary</b>
<b>H M Revenue</b>	<b>325.43</b>	<b>Tax 223.96 - NI 101.47</b>
<b>Mr R Munro</b>	<b>370.78</b>	<b>Web site Development</b>

**60 Planning Applications**

Application 07/03338/Fulls  
1 Acorn Grove Chandlers Ford  
Retrospective application for erection of garden shed

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

Application 07/03497/Fulls  
33 Harvest Road Chandlers Ford  
Erection of first floor extension over existing garage to provide additional bedroom facilities.

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

**Action**

Application 07/03574/Fulls  
18 Bramble Hill Chandlers Ford  
Erection of single storey rear extension

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

Application 07/03385/Fulls  
37 Acorn Grove Chandlers Ford  
Retrospective application for erection of summerhouse in rear garden

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

Application 07/03530/Fulls  
5 Larkspur drive Chandlers Ford  
Conversion of part of existing garage to provide extended kitchen facilities.

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

The meeting ended at 9.55pm