

Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 10 March 2008 at 8.00pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

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

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70 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

71 Matters Arising

The Chairman advised members that in response to his question at the last County Council meeting in relation the start date for the erection of the new Pedestrian /Cycle bridge at Flexford Chandlers Ford he had been advised that this was not going to take place until at least July/August 2009. This was due to a number of factors not least the environmental and covenant constraints with respect to the site. Unless this situation was sorted the implementation date could well be much later.

Members were clearly disappointed with this news especially as this would be detrimental to school transportation plans which had been put in place to get children to school safely.

Resolved:

That the Clerk writes to Hampshire County Council in the terms outlined above.

Clerk

72 Interactive Map

Steve White and Andy Murdoch from Friends of the Park attended the meeting and gave a presentation on their proposed interactive map. They had now obtained quotations for producing this piece of work totalling some £3,000. This price included producing the map, printing and producing a web based application which could be put onto the Parish council's web site.

Members were generally supportive of this initiative and were prepared to offer some grant aid. The Chairman suggested that funding might also be available via the County Council and also TVBC and in this respect it was suggested that an approach be made to the Chief executive of TVBC.

Steve also indicated that he was seeking sponsorship from Local

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supermarkets and it was further suggested that he approach local estate agents who might think it worthwhile sponsoring such a map for people moving into the area.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council support the interactive map initiative and that an offer of grant aid be made in due course.

73 Teddy Bears Picnic

The Parish Council like many other organisations was eager to promote green issues and it was suggested that in order to try and kick-start young children to become more involved in their environment a Teddy Bears tea party be arranged for the under 5's with the main theme being "green issues".

Councillor Mrs Dyde had been investigating how to promote this event and had been in contact with Valley leisure who had come up with a number of ideas. Due to the constraints of the Knightwood Leisure centre this event could only be held for 60 children plus parents. However members were felt that if possible this number should be raised to 100 and the Chairman undertook to look at the cost of hiring a marquee to accommodate the extra numbers. The Leisure Centre staff had agreed to run a list of people interested in coming to this event with names placed on a first come first served basis.

Chairman

Resolved:

That the Teddy Bears Picnic event be supported and that this be held on 5 July 2008 at 2pm. In the meantime the Clerk be asked to contact Valley leisure to ascertain the cost and other implications of increasing the number of children to 100.

Cllr Mrs Dyde/Mrs Guy

Clerk

74 Accounts

The Clerk submitted details of accounts received and paid since the last meeting as follows:-

TVBC	£ 352.50	Additional Hedge Planting and Fencing
Mr A R Purr	562.91	Clerks Salary
H M Revenue	248.34	Tax 168.96 - NI 79.38

Resolved:

That the accounts as set out above be approved for payment.

75 Borough and County member Reports

Councillor Mrs Dowden reported that TVBC was proposing to move to a single party seven member cabinet. The ruling party did not intend to give the Chairmanship of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the opposition which might have addressed the situation. Members felt that from a democratic perspective, this was a retrograde step.

The Chairman reported that he, like many people, was concerned about the proliferation of supermarket carrier bags and the time it took for these to decompose in landfill sites. As a result, he had put the following motion to the next meeting of the Hampshire County Council:-

“I move that HCC contact all major supermarket chains in Hampshire with a view to persuading them to switch over to the use of bio degradable/compostable shopping bags as soon as possible.”

76 Planning Applications

Application 08/00470/FULLS
1 Dee Close Chandlers Ford Eastleigh
Two storey extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Application 08/00248?Fulls
7 Crummock Road Chandlers Ford
Erection of single storey side extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made

Application 08/00126/Fulls
20 Ellen Gardens Chandlers Ford
Erection of first floor side extension.

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

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Application 08/00222/Fulls
5 Bere Close Chandlers Ford
Erection of single storey front extension.

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Application 07/03491/TPOS
Schedule of works to trees in woodland south/west of Marlborough Court

Resolved:

That subject to no objection from the Arboriculture Officer then no comment be made.

Application 08/00555/Fulls
3 Crummock Road Chandlers Ford
Replacement of conservatory to rear of property.

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Application 08/00605/Fulls
15 Littlefield Crescent Chandlers Ford
Erection of conservatory to rear of property.

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Application 08/00532/Fulls
9 Kielder Close Chandlers Ford
Erection of two storey extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Application 08/00568/Fulls
35 Merrick Way Chandlers Ford
Single storey pitched roof rear extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made

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Application 08/00479/Fulls
27 Morgan Le Fay Drive Chandlers Ford
Erection of two storey side extension

Resolved:

That an objection be made on the grounds that the development would constitute over development and be detrimental to the street scene.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm