

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 8 September 2008 at 8.00pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

**Present:** Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Mrs C Dowden, Mrs A Dyde, Mrs L Guy and Mrs K Oliver.

**Apologies for Absence:** apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson (Vice Chairman), J Barton, R Bryan and G Compton.

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**23 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**24 Appointments to Committees**

**Resolved:**

**(1) That Councillor J Barton be appointed to the Planning Committee and Councillor G Compton to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**(2) That the Clerk write to the Head of legal Services at TVBC asking that training be arranged for the two new members in relation to the Code of Conduct.**

Clerk

**25 Allotment Update**

The Chairman reported that he had received very disappointing news from Test Valley Borough Council in that the trustees of the Chamberlayne Estates had refused to alter the legal agreement that would have allowed Test Valley Borough Council to utilise the public open space land which had been earmarked for allotments. TVBC had undertaken to look for an alternative site. This meant that allotment provision for local parishioners was now on hold until land became available.

**26 Correspondence**

The Chairman reported that on behalf of the Parish Council he had entered its floral displays in the Test Valley In Bloom floral competition. He was proud to announce to members that it was judged the outright winner. The organisers, in their letter to the Parish Council, said "On entering Valley Park we were aware of the neatness – trimmed bushes,

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cut grass, no visible litter and of the colour provided by the hanging baskets and boxes. It was evident that many people are involved, local residents and children from local schools, all taking responsibility which is reflected in the lack of damage and graffiti in the area and it added up to a striking and worthwhile example of community involvement in the environment.”

The Chairman now proposed that the Parish Council embark on a winter bulb planting scheme and suggested to members that this event should involve residents from BrendonCare and children from St Francis and Knightwood Schools. TVBC had offered some staff time to help with the launch.

The bulbs would be purchased from Choice Plants.

**Resolved:**

**That a Winter Planting Scheme as outlined above be held on Thursday 6 November 2008.**

Chairman/Clerk

The Chairman also reported that he had sent a letter and card to Mike Channon, on behalf of the Parish Council, wishing him a speedy recovery following his recent serious accident and also sending him the Parish Council’s condolences on the sad loss of his close friend.

**27 Public Questions**

Steve White of Friends of the Park attended the meeting and advised members that a first pencil draft of the proposed interactive map had now been produced.

Steve also reported that there were weeds growing in the gutters of Acorn Drive making the area look unsightly. He was advised that this clearance work was currently being undertaken by TVBC.

Steve also mentioned that the footpath between Knightwood leisure Centre and Knightwood Road near the bus shelter and close to Chidden Holt was unlit and felt that this was a danger now the nights were drawing in. The Clerk undertook to email the Chief Executive of the Leisure Centre to see if appropriate lighting could be installed.

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Mr Bourner attended the meeting and referred to speeding in Katrine Close. The Clerk undertook to write to the County Surveyor requesting the installation of speed monitoring equipment on the southern end of Katrine Crescent from Knightwood Road to Crummock Road. The results would then be sent to the police.

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He also referred to vegetation overhanging peoples gardens onto footways and he was advised that TVBC was currently pursuing this situation.

### **28 Borough and County Member Reports**

Councillor Mrs a Dyde reported upon her activities as a TVBC councillor, in particular, the situation with respect to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairman reported that he had placed a motion on the agenda for the September meeting of TVBC's Council meeting relating to the fluoridation of water supplies, as follows:-

"That this Council urges the Strategic Health Authorities not to proceed with proposals for the introduction of fluoride into the water supplies of Test Valley Borough Council District.

It is understood that the Medical Research Council has recommended that further research be undertaken into the negative outcomes relating to bone health and water fluoridation, as well as other health effects including allergies, effects on fertility, thyroid and gut problems.

The Council therefore considers that water supplies at this moment in time should not be fluoridated."

He also advised members that he had approached the media with regard to the problem of the ragwort weed which now appeared to be prolific in the area. Sometime ago Hampshire County Council had agreed to eradicate the weed from the areas it controlled and as a result the Chairman had now put a question to the Executive Member for the Environment asking why the ragwort had not been removed.

### **29 Accounts**

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

#### **Resolved:**

**That the accounts, as submitted, be approved for payment.**

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**Planning Applications**

Application 08/02142/FULLS

Double storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension, existing side porch repositioned on front.

12 forth Close Chandlers Ford.

**Resolved:**

**That an objection be made on the grounds of loss of amenity.**

Application 08/02076/FULLS

Erection of two storey side extension to provide addition living and bedroom accommodation and erection of conservatory to rear

40 Donnington Drive Chandlers Ford

**Resolved:**

**That no objection be made.**

08/02023/FULLS

Demolish existing detached garage and erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation and single garage.

6 Goldwire Drive Chandlers Ford.

**Resolved:**

**That no objection be made.**

The meeting ended at 9.30pm