

Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 10 November 2008 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and, Councillors C Anderson (Vice Chairman), J Barton, R Bryan, G Compton, Mrs C Dowden, Mrs L Guy and Mrs K Oliver.

An Apology for Absence: apologies for absence was received from Councillor Mrs A Dyde,.

Action

38 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

39 Planning Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 October 2008 be received.

40 Parish Partnership

Kevin Fuller, Area Director at HCC highways, attended the meeting and outlined his role to members. He understood that there was a need for a footway between Castle Lane and School Lane and explained that this could be included in the HCC Minor Works Programme. However, this budget was under pressure with a long wish list of schemes. This list was prioritised by the Hampshire Action Team.

He felt that whilst this was a worthwhile scheme, it had been estimated that it would cost in the region of £25,000 which would almost clear the Minor Works Budget which stood at £30,000 for all schemes next year. However, there was a possibility of the scheme proceeding on the basis of a Parish Partnership whereby 50% of the costs would be funded by HCC and 50% by the Parish Council. The scheme would still need approval by the Hampshire Action Team and a decision on this would be forthcoming in March next year.

Resolved:

That the Finance and General Purpose Committee look at the feasibility of including a suitable sum in the 2009/2010 budget to enable 50% of the cost of the footway scheme to be funded.

41 Anti Social Behaviour

Jon Whale (HCC Assistant Head of Regulatory Services) attended the meeting and gave a report on his team's activities to date. He introduced Clive Fortune whom together with Jason Sahota would now be patrolling in the Valley Park area.

Jon explained that resources had increased and the Central Team now had an additional two officers which would give more regular cover in the Valley Park area.

Jon also referred to the progress being made with respect to the seizure of alcohol and now Trading Standards were being informed when it could be shown that an underage drinker had purchased from an identified shop. This had had significant results with those off licences which had sold drink to those underage.

Resolved:

That Jon Whale be thanked for attending the meeting and that his report be noted

42 Accounts

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

Resolved:

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

43 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman reported that the bulb planting event which had been held on 6 November had gone well. Ed Watson of Veolia had provided two lorry loads of Pro Grow which would ensure the bulbs had a good start. The Clerk undertook to write to Ed Watson thanking him for his kind donation of the Pro Grow which was appreciated very much by members of the Parish Council.

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The Chairman had also attended the award ceremony for the Test Valley in Bloom event for which the Parish Council had won. The Chairman displayed the trophy and certificates which he had received. The Trophy would now be displayed at the local schools with each school retaining it for six months. The Chairman proposed to have the three certificates framed at a cost of £76.02

Resolved:

That the framing of the certificates be approved at the cost of £76.02.

Chairman

In his capacity as a County Councillor, the Chairman had been involved with the Hampshire Commission on Care Services. Recommendations were being made to the HCC on the personalisation of care services. The Commission would also be making recommendations on care services to influence the Government Green Paper on personalisation. The Chairman, as a commissioner, believed that the commission had undertaken a great deal of work by receiving evidence from national bodies, local care organisations, carers and clients, both orally and in writing. He also believed that if the recommendations were supported it would deliver a better care system and a better choice of services for all.

The Chairman had also been assisting local residents in responding to the Core Strategy and to the Great Covert application.

The chairman advised members that TVBC overview and scrutiny committee had recommended the Council not to support the fluoridation of water supplies.

44 Planning Applications

Application 08/02618/FULLS

Demolition of existing double garage to be replaced with single storey side extension to provide additional living space and single garage.

6 Goldwire Drive Chandlers Ford

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Resolved:

That no objection be made.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm