

Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 9 February 2009 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

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

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson and Mrs C Dowden.

Action

58 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

59 Matters Arising

In relation to minute 54 and the issues concerning vandalism in Valley Park the Chairman reported that the Police now had a good idea who was responsible and the suspects were being watched. The Chairman also advised that he had been out with ACSO's on the evening of 23 January and he reported upon the events of that evening.

60 Accounts

The Clerk informed members of accounts received and paid since the last meeting.

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

61 Borough and County Member Reports

Councillor Mrs Guy reported that at the last TVBC Council meeting it had resolved to adopt the following motion:-

“Congratulate the Northern Test Valley Partnership for Education in bringing the inspired conference, “To a Rights Respecting Community”, to Andover in October 2008.

Action

Thank the Children's Commissioner, Sir Albert Aynsley-Green for his keynote address to that conference and for his personal endorsement of the internationally groundbreaking initiative of cultural change being spearheaded by our local schools in Test Valley.

Pledge support for our children and young people in their quest to embed, Rights, Respect and Responsibilities (RRR) as a way of life.

Recognise that an RRR ethos, based on the UNICEF Rights of the Child, can successfully deliver powerful, sustainable, beneficial outcomes and increased wellbeing for all communities”

A number of young people from local schools had attended the meeting and spoke in support of this.

The Chairman, Councillor Dowden, advised that in his capacity as County Councillor he had awarded a number of grants as follows:-

Knightwood Tennis Club - £680

St Francis Church – help towards new kitchen facilities - £1,000

Winchester and District Relates - £500

Home Start Eastleigh - £250

STOIC (a new organisation which looks after the interest of elderly people - £400

North Baddesley Baptist Church – help towards new toilet for disabled people - £1,000

The Chairman also reported that in relation to the two bus shelters which had been included in next year's budget he was meeting, in his capacity as County Councillor, with an officer of HCC and a representative of Queensbury Shelters to ascertain the feasibility of installing the shelters in Shannon Way. He also reported that he had been able to obtain a grant from HCC in the sum of £800 towards the costs. Members agreed that the chairman also look into the possibility of having the existing shelters painted black and installing appropriate lighting.

The Chairman also referred to the recent bad weather and that in his capacity as County Councillor he had been in discussion with County officers with a view to obtaining grit boxes for the Parish. He advised it was the responsibility of the Parish Council to purchase such boxes but the County would provide the grit. Members agreed that grit boxes should be purchased for those areas of Valley Park which had proved particularly hazardous.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm