

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

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

Apology for Absence: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs L Guy.

Action

62 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

63 Matters Arising

In relation to minute 59 and the issues concerning vandalism in Valley Park the Chairman reported that the Knightwood Centre Manager reported to the police that a youth was riding fast and dangerously along the paths by the woodland where there were children. The Community Wardens, who were on site at the time, gave chase in their camera vehicle. They were subsequently caught by the police. The Vice Chairman reported that he also had seen the event taking place and gave a further update to members. He had now witnessed another scramble bike in the area at the weekend and as a result the Clerk was asked to write to TVBC advising that scrambling was taking place around Zion Hill copse and requesting that appropriate notices be displayed to stop this practice.

Clerk

64 Model Publication Scheme

The Clerk advised members that Under the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act") it was the duty of every public authority to adopt and maintain a publication scheme. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) had changed the emphasis in the approval and operation of publication schemes to a generic model which had to be adopted and operated by all public authorities. As a result the Clerk submitted a publication scheme for approval by the Parish Council.

Resolved:

That the model publication scheme, as submitted, be approved and that this be published on the Council's website.

Action

65 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from the Employers Association that the Arbitration Panel had now awarded a further 0.3% on the April 2007 pay scales.

Resolved:

That the remuneration package of the Clerk be increased by a further 0.3% on the April 2007 pay scales and that this be backdated to April 2008. The total increase for 2008 was 2.75%.

Clerk

66 TVBC Neighbourhood Warden Report

The Clerk submitted a report which he had received from the TVBC wardens in relation to the work they had been undertaking in the Valley Park Parish.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

67 Bus Shelters

The Chairman reported that he had met with Bernard Godwin of Queensbury Shelters and Adam Craig of HCC regarding the cleaning of existing bus shelters and the installation of new ones. Locations had now been agreed. Quotations had been received for the cleaning of existing shelters and the installation of four new ones at Shannon way/Alderwood Avenue, Shannon Way (Brendon Care), Templars Way/Castle Lane and Templars Way between School Lane and Bournemouth Road.

The Chairman explained that lighting was not needed in the new shelters as they would be close to street lights. The full cost for this work would be £11,412.

There was finance available from TVBC under section 106 monies which could be spent in Valley Park. However, discussions were still ongoing with TVBC officers as to whether the money could be used for this purpose.

Action

Resolved:

That the new bus shelters and other works be approved subject to the receipt of the section 106 money from TVBC.

68 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman reported that he had asked a question of the Leisure and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder at the last TVBC Council meeting, in relation to the provision of an outdoor concrete structure table tennis table at the Knightwood Leisure Centre, Valley Park. The Portfolio holder had replied that the Council would need to ascertain if there was a proven demand and would also need to look at it in the context of provision throughout the Borough.

In his role as a HCC member the Chairman reported that he had contacted HCC over the issue of the C1 Bus service not getting local children to Thornden School on time. Officers were looking into the situation as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Compton reported that the pond adjacent to the Shannon Way roundabout was looking good. However, some residents had expressed concern that there was not a fence in place. The Chairman responded that he understood that this would be fenced in due course. The Clerk undertook to write to TVBC asking when the fence would be put in place.

Clerk

Councillor Compton also reported that residents had been asking about planning permission requirements for works to their property in particular changing the use of a garage to living accommodation. This was a matter for TVBC and the Clerk undertook to write to the Planning Department asking if they could put an article in the Valley Park Voice reminding residents of the planning requirements in Valley Park.

Clerk

69 Planning Applications

09/00403/FULLS
33 Percivale Road Chandlers Ford
Erection of Single Storey Sun Room

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

Action

09/00415/TPOS
7 Wolvesey Place Chandlers Ford
Prune One Oak Tree

Resolved:

That subject to no objection being raised by the tree officer then no objection be made.

09/00393/FULLS
43 Castle Lane Chandlers Ford
Erection of two storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm