Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 13 July 2009 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. C Dowden, Mrs. A Dyde and Mrs L Guy.

14 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Councillor Dowden, declared a prejudicial interest in minute 20. In particular planning application 09/01213/FULLS as he is the applicant on this application. He left the room while the application was discussed and voted on. Councillor Anderson took the Chair whilst this item was discussed.

15 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

16 Matters Arising

In relation to minute no 12 the Chairman advised members that Valley Park In Bloom had been launched successfully. He also advised that he had entered the Parish into the hanging basket section of the TVBC in bloom competition.

17 Grants

The Clerk advised members that he had received a request for grant aid from Home-Start Eastleigh. Members had supported this organisation in previous years.

Resolved:

That Home-Start Eastleigh be awarded a grant of £100

18 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

Action

19 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman reported that two wooden stakes had been torn up from open space between Salcombe Close and Eagle Close leaving it vulnerable for travellers to move onto the land. TVBC had dealt with the matter promptly.

The Chairman also reported that there had been issues with ground maintenance in the Old Chilworth area of Valley Park. The Chairman had walked the area with Rob Lane, the senior maintenance manager, at Test Valley. A number of the area pathways for example had already been cut back. The grass bank on Templars Way would be cut within the next couple of weeks and he had requested that the weeds growing in the gutters adjoining a great number of areas be scraped out and then swept by the sweeper machine to clear the debris. The Chairman requested that an item be placed on the next agenda dealing with Winter Planting in Valley Park and he would then propose that some bulb planting be carried out in this area.

The Chairman advised that the TVBC Core Strategy document was to be withdrawn at the TVBC meeting on 31st July 2009. This was in response to the Planning Inspectors view that that the document was likely to be found unsound. The decision to withdraw followed a consideration of all the options and detailed discussions with GOSE. TVBC would then need to undertake further work with those bodies it originally consulted with in reviewing and redrafting the document.

In his capacity as Borough Councillor the Chairman informed members that the rat catching service had been restored by TVBC at a cost of £39 for residents who had rat infestations.

In his capacity as County Councillor the Chairman advised that he had retained his position as Social Care spokesperson and he also gave an update of the work and progress of the Hampshire Commission.

20 Planning Applications

09/01008/FULLS
2 The Meads Chandlers Ford
Erection of two storey side and front extension

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

09/01219/TPOS Land to rear of 26 Fairbank Walk Chandlers Ford Crown lift two oak trees

Action

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to no objections from the tree officer.

09/01213/FULLS
9 Neath Way Chandlers Ford
Single Storey rear Extension to provide dining room and sun room.

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

09/01130/FULLS
22 Raglan Close Chandlers Ford
Single storey rear and first floor side extension new porch and other works.

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm