

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday  
13 September 2010 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

**Present:** Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors J Barton, Mrs L Guy and Mrs K Oliver.

**Apologies:** apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson, R Bryan, G Compton and Mrs C Dowden.

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**23 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**24 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Hampshire Association of Parish Councils inviting the Council to join that organisation.

**Resolved:**

**That the invitation be declined and that the matter be considered again following the Parish elections in May next year.**

Clerk

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Test Valley Borough Council asking whether the Parish would like to establish an allowances scheme. The Clerk advised the Council of the potential costs of following such a course of action.

**Resolved:**

**That Test Valley Borough Council be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to establish an allowances scheme.**

Clerk

**25 Allotments**

The Clerk advised members of the outcome of the recent consultation exercise on establishing allotments on a small piece of land at the Glendowan Road open space. There were 30 people against the proposal and only 20 in favour. The Parish Council was disappointed with the result of this consultation but was of the opinion that no further action be taken in trying to acquire this land.

Test Valley Borough Council's estates department had been looking for a suitable allotment site for the Parish for some time but had been unable

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to find any and it was now unlikely that the Parish Council would be able to establish allotments. However, the Chairman advised members that he had received an email from "Landshare", an organisation whose aims were to get more people involved in growing vegetables.

### **Resolved:**

**That no further action be taken with respect to the provision of allotments on the site identified at Glendowan Road open space and that those on the waiting list be emailed the information from "Landshare".**

Clerk

## **26 Proposed New Youth Club**

Alan Stevens attended the meeting and gave an update on the progress with respect to the start up of the new youth club which was due to open on 24 September 2010 at the Knightwood Leisure Centre.

The Club was now looking for a start up grant of £2,000 which would be used to employ the services of a professional youth worker to help establish and lead its development.

Kevin Patterson, the new Valley Leisure Chief Executive, also attended the meeting and expressed his support for the new youth club. He also outlined some of his visions for taking Valley Leisure forward in Valley Park and Test Valley as a whole.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Knightwood Youth Club be awarded a grant of £2,000 from the £10,000 allocated in the 2010/2011 budget.**

## **27 Friends of the Park**

Steve White attended the meeting and gave an update on the community orchard which the Friends of the Park were proposing to plant. He sought a grant of £150 from the Parish Council for the purchase of the fruit trees.

Steve also handed out copies of the leisure map his organisation had prepared for Valley Park. It was now hoped to complete an interactive version to go on the Council's website.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Friends of the Park be awarded a grant of £150 for the provision of fruit trees for the proposed Community Orchard and that a commitment be given to funding the interactive version of the leisure map to go on the Council's Website.**

## 28 Winter Bulb Planting Event

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Eastleigh Rotary Club advising that Bill Gates of Microsoft had started an initiative to eradicate polio worldwide. As part of this he was donating bulbs for planting to local rotary groups. Eastleigh Rotary had asked the Chairman if he would like 2,500 bulbs for a suitable planting scheme in Valley Park. The Chairman had identified a site opposite Chidden Holt on Knightwood Road on the raised embankment. The planting would be undertaken by Knightwood and St Francis School children who would plant the bulbs either side of the bus shelter. It was proposed that this event take place on 19 October at 10.30am. Test Valley Borough Council had undertaken to prepare the site and Viola had agreed to provide the compost free of charge.

**Resolved :**

**That the Winter Bulb Planting Scheme as outlined above take place on 19 October 2010 at 10.30am and that Children from Knightwood and St Francis Junior Schools be invited to plant the bulbs.**

## 29 Bus Shelters

The Chairman reported that following requests from residents he had met with a Hampshire County Officer and a representative of the Bus Shelter company with a view to establishing two further shelters at Knightwood Road backing onto Tansy Meadow and Templars Way a little north of School Lane. Sufficient funds remained in the section 106 monies held by Test Valley Borough Council to fund the shelters.

The Chairman also reported that he had managed to get Hampshire County Council (HCC) to fund the additional hard standing and traffic management which was necessary when the shelters were installed. He had also managed to obtain funding for re glazing two Sherwood timber shelters from HCC and the Bus Shelter company had agreed to repaint a shelter in Wicklow Drive.

**Resolved:**

**That subject to Test Valley Borough Council releasing the funds from the section 106 monies for Valley Park, the purchase of the two additional bus shelters, at the locations identified above, be approved.**

## 30 Accounts

The Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting. The Clerk also reported that the Audit Commission had approved the

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Council's annual audit and, on the basis of their review, and in their opinion, the information contained in the Council's Annual Return was in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements. There had not been any matters which had come to their attention which could give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

### **Resolved:**

**That the accounts be approved for payment and that the position with respect to the Annual Audit be noted.**

### **31 Borough and County Member reports**

The Chairman reported that in his capacity as County Councillor he had given a grant of £1,750 to the Parish Council, as suggested by the Leader of HCC, to fund the testing of the street lighting columns to enable the Parish Council to put up its hanging baskets this summer. In his capacity as Borough Councillor he advised that he had asked for an item on ditch clearance to be placed on the agenda for the next Eastleigh/Test Valley Consultative Committee as he was trying to ascertain just who was responsible for this function. He had also been chasing up the Valley Park sign on Castle Lane as this still had not appeared.

Following requests from residents he also reported that he had requested two free grit bins from HCC at Birdfield and Celandine Close Knightwood.

### **32 Planning Applications**

10/02054/FULLS

9 Fowey Close Chandlers Ford

Remove existing conservatory and replace with larger one

### **Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

10/02051/FULLS

3 Percivale Road Chandlers Ford

Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory

### **Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

10/02053/FULLS

9 Merrick Way Chandlers Ford

Remove existing conservatory and replace with larger one

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**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

10/02053/FULLS  
17 Littlefield Crescent Chandlers Ford  
Brick built shed attached to side of house

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

10/02077/FULLS  
23 Leven Close Chandlers Ford  
Erection of first Floor extension to existing dwelling.

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

The meeting ended at 9.00pm