

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 13 June 2011
at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors, Mrs J Adey, C Anderson, Ms P Banerjee, A Beesley, R Bryan, Ms J Snow and Mrs K Tilling.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs L Farley.

Action

8 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in minute 13(b), below, as he was a member of the Knightwood Youth Club Committee and left the room whilst that item was discussed. The Vice Chairman, Councillor Anderson, took the chair in his absence.

9 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10 Membership of Committees

Resolved:

That Councillor Ms Snow be replaced on the Planning Committee by Councillor Ms P Banerjee.

11 Public Questions

A member of the public expressed concern over traffic issues in Merlin Way when the schools started and finished. The Chairman explained the position with respect to the current situation with current traffic regulations. He advised that the Police were aware of the situation and would continue to monitor it.

12 Street Lighting

Julian Higgins, the Policy and Communications Team leader at Hampshire County Council, gave a talk on the Street light Public Finance Initiative for 2010-2035. This contract was for the supply and maintenance of street lighting columns during that period. He gave an insight into the street lighting service, explained the key facts of this new PFI initiative and outlined some of the new innovations in street lighting which the service were now starting to deploy. It was anticipated, that for Valley Park, the programme for replacement would begin in 2014 with high level consultation commencing a year before that and stakeholder consultation six months prior.

Resolved:

That Julian be thanked for his informative presentation.

13 Request for Grant aid

- (a) PCSO Ben Housley attended the meeting and put forward details of a request for grant aid to enable a series of football events for youngsters to be held during the summer holidays. One of the main purposes of this initiative was to reduce the amount of Anti-Social Behaviour during this period.

Resolved:

That a grant of £50 be made towards the cost of holding the football events mentioned above.

- (b) The Clerk reported details of a letter received from Alan Stevens, the Chairman of the Knightwood Youth Club Committee requesting grant funding of £3,000 in support of the youth club project up to the end of December 2011. The funds would be used to cover the employment costs of the youth leader up until that point, plus room hire charges from the leisure centre. The Clerk advised that sufficient funds had been included in the budget to cover this request.

Resolved:

That a grant of £3,000 be made to the Knightwood Youth Club Committee for the purposes outlined above.

14 Annual Governance Statement and Final Accounts 2010/2011

The Clerk submitted the final accounts for the year 2010/2011 together with the Annual Governance Statement, for approval.

Resolved:

That subject to a note being included in the accounts explaining the position with regard to one of the items, the Final Accounts for the year 2010/2011 be approved as submitted and that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

15 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment

16 Borough and County Member Reports

In his capacity as borough councillor the Chairman referred to a motion he was submitting to the Test Valley Borough Council meeting on 29 June 2011 in relation to the National Safe & Sustainable Review of Children's Cardiac Surgery and in particular Southampton's Paediatric Cardiac unit.

The motion sought to contact the Secretary of State for Health with a view to calling a halt to the current flawed process and that those leading it to review their assessment of the options reconfiguration to take account of the evidence of service quality produced by professor Sir Ian Kennedy last year and the views of the families actually using these services.

The Chairman also reported upon a "fun day" he had attended held by residents of the Bird Field residents. They had raised £785 for their neighbourhood cohesion project, the intent of which, was to bring neighbours together to meet for the first time since moving to the area. They now wished to establish a meeting place so they could move the project forward. The Chairman would be meeting with the organisers in the near future with a view to steering the group in the right direction.

The Chairman also gave an update with regards to the recent incident involving paint.

17 Planning Applications

11/00806/FULLS

32 Tees Close Chandlers Ford

Two storey side extension and single storey extension over garage

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

11/01032/FULLS

30 Merrick Way Chandlers Ford

Extension and alteration to existing dwelling

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Action

11/01064/FULLS
17 Cornfield Close Chandlers Ford
Loft Conversion including roof lights

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

11/01211/FULLS
23 Highclere Way Chandlers Ford
First floor side extension over garage convert garage to study, amend front single storey projection

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

11/01184/TPOS
43 Castle Lane Chandlers Ford
T1 Oak – crown lift to 5.5m over highway, remove deadwood

Resolved:

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

11/01288/TPOS
6 Lambourn Square Chandlers Ford
To fell six Alder and crown lift to 4m one further Alder

Resolved:

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

11/01264/FULLS
15 Thetford Gardens
Conversion of garage to living accommodation

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

