

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

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

Action

23 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Farley declared a prejudicial interest in minute 31. In particular planning application 11/01871/FULLS as the application site was visible from her home. She left the room while the application was discussed and voted on.

24 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

25 Presentation by Head of Housing, Health and Communities

Brian Cowcher, the Head of Housing Health and Communities at Test Valley Borough Council, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the workings of his department the aims of which were to safeguard the health of the Borough, to assess local housing needs and secure the provision of affordable homes, to develop sustainable communities and help reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Resolved:

That Brian Cowcher be thanked for his most informative talk.

26 Internal Audit

The Clerk gave details of quotations received in respect of the provision of Internal Audit Services for the Parish Council the most favourable of which was that submitted by Mr G Butler.

Resolved:

That Mr G Butler be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor.

27 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment

28 Traffic lights at Pilgrims close/Knightwood Road

Councillor Mrs Adey had asked for this item to be put on the agenda in order to try and resolve a local traffic issue. The problem was with the traffic flow at peak times (i.e school times 8-9am) at the traffic lights at Pilgrims close/Knightwood Road. For the people coming from the North Baddesley side there was no filter light to turn right into the school. Whilst this was not a problem at non peak times Councillor Mrs Adey explained how this caused havoc at school drop off and therefore sought the Parish Council's support in seeking a traffic filter light at peak times to alleviate the congestion.

The Chairman undertook to raise the issue with officers at Hampshire County Council to ascertain if anything could be done at this location.

29 Autumn Bulb Planting Project

The Chairman reported that he was asking both St Francis and Knightwood Primary Schools whereby the children would identify sites that were visible to the public for the Autumn bulb planting project. This would entail planting some 2,000 bulbs and the chairman asked the Parish Council to approve a sum of up to £500 to enable the project to proceed.

Resolved:

That a sum of up to £500 be allocated to the Autumn bulb planting project.

30 Borough and County Member Reports

Councillor Mrs Tilling reported that she had been in discussions with highway officers regarding a highway issue in the north of Valley Park. She also reported that a number of street lights were not working.

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Dowden, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported upon the provision of an additional street lighting column on the pathway leading to the shops in Pilgrim Close that leads from Raglan Close. This would be provided at no cost to the Parish Council from a contingency fund attached to the new County Council Private Finance Initiative lighting contract. Cllr Dowden also reported on the situation in respect of the now proposed cut of the C3 Valley Park Bus Service to Eastleigh that would be replaced with a taxi share scheme. This would be advertised in due course whereby people could ring up by telephone to book its services. The service would be subsidized.

31 Planning Applications

11/01929/TPOS
17 Hodder Close Chandlers Ford
Fell 3 Pines and 1 Oak

Resolved:

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

11/01964/TPOS
25 Acorn Avenue Chandlers Ford
Crown lift 1 Oak, 1 ask and 1 Birch and Fell 1 Alder

Resolved:

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

11/01914/TPOS
22 Alderwood Avenue Chandlers Ford
Oak remove 3 lower branches, reduce crown by 1m and crown thin by 15%

Resolved:

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

11/01902/TPOS
Land to rear of 22 Bramble Hill Chandlers Ford
Fell 5 Alder and 1 Willow, fell 1 stem from 3 Alders and coppice 1 Maple

Resolved:

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

11/01871/Fulls
7 Hemlock Way Chandlers Ford
Garage conversion

Resolved:

That an objection be made due to concerns over the parking situation.

Action

11/01897/Fulls
29 Littlefield Crescent Chandlers Ford
Garage moved forward with connecting single storey side extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

11/01676/FULLS
21 Swale Drive Chandlers Ford
Retrospective application for a wooden shed

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

11/01959/Fulls
8 Littlefield Crescent
Creation of porch

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm