

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

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

Apologies for Absence: An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Beesley.

Action

38 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Adey declared an interest in minute 43 as she had a child at one of the local primary schools and therefore took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

39 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

40 HCC managers' report on Accredited Community Support Officer activities

Jon Whale (HCC Assistant Head of Regulatory Services) attended the meeting and gave a report on his team's activities to date. There had been a great amount of progress in Valley Park; however, his team were still experiencing a number of incidents in the area.

The Chairman, Cllr. Alan Dowden, thanked the Accredited Community Support Officers for all the good work they do in Valley Park to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve the quality of life for those living within our area.

Resolved:

That Jon Whale be thanked for attending the meeting and that his report be noted.

41 Knightwood Youth Club

Alan Stevens attended the meeting and gave an update on the development of the youth club during its first year. The club was now attracting between 40 and 50 youngsters each Friday. The club has now 225 registered youngsters between the age of 13 to 17.

Significant funding had also been raised and the volunteers were now undergoing some modular training.

Resolved:

That Alan Stevens be thanked for the update and that he be congratulated on the successes the Youth Club had achieved to date.

42 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Charlotte Malyon regarding the grant of £350 the previous council had awarded in November 2010 (minute no 41). The grant was for the cost of obtaining the necessary licence from Run England. The scheme had slightly changed in that it was no longer necessary to obtain a licence. Charlotte now only needed to order the necessary signage and obtain permission from the land owner to go ahead.

Resolved:

That the grant of up to £350, based on the final costs of the purchase and installation of signs, be reaffirmed and that Charlotte be reminded that the Council can only pay this grant to an established organisation and not to an individual.

43 Commemorative Mugs

The Clerk circulated details of two designs for the commemorative mugs which were to be given to local primary school children as a memento of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Resolved:

That 850 ceramic mugs be purchased based on design no 2 as circulated at the meeting.

44 New Hanging Basket Brackets

The Clerk reported that new lamp columns had been installed in School Lane and that despite reassurances from HCC officers the existing hanging basket brackets would not fit. As a result, the Clerk had sought a quotation from the original supplier for the purchase and installation of 15 new brackets.

Resolved:

That the action of the Clerk be endorsed.

45 Accounts

The Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting. He also submitted the quarterly outturn report for the period ending 30th September 2011.

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment and that the quarterly out turn report be noted.

46 Borough and County Member Reports

Councillor Mrs Tilling, in her capacity as Borough Councillor, informed members that she had supported the following motion put to the last meeting of TVBC.

“Test Valley Borough Council notes that Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles MP, has stated that it is a basic right that residents have their rubbish collected weekly. The Council will, therefore, seek to take advantage of some of the £250 million offered by Eric Pickles MP to assist the re-introduction of weekly refuse collections in Test Valley.”

Despite putting forward a compelling argument in support of the motion it was not supported by the Council.

Councillor Dowden, in his capacity as Borough Councillor, advised that Test Valley Borough Council had prepared a new planning framework for the Borough called the Core Strategy. Covering a 20 year period until 2031, it included proposals for additional housing, employment and community facilities and set out policies to protect the environment. The formal consultation period was due to start on 6th January and end on 17th February 2012. Letters would be sent out to local residents urging them to support the core strategy along with a sample letter in order to assist.

Councillor Dowden also advised that he had been approached by new planning consultants for the owner of the Great Covert Site to address the Parish Council on their proposals. Councillor Dowden agreed to advise the consultants that they could come to the December meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillor Dowden informed members that PC Iain Wilson was leaving the area and was moving to Eastleigh South Central to try and achieve there what he had done in Valley Park.. His replacement was PC Mark Jeffery and it was hoped that Iain would be able to introduce him to the Parish Council at the December meeting.

47 Planning Applications

11/01983/FULLS
7 Lambourn Square Chandlers Ford
Rear extension

Action

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm