

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday  
13 February 2012 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson and Ms P Banerjee.

**Action**

**57 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**58 Response to Planning Presentation**

Members were reminded that at their last meeting they received a presentation from Planning Consultants acting on behalf of a local land owner regarding a proposed new development. Having had time to consider the issues in detail the Parish Council now discussed its response to those proposals.

**Resolved:**

**That a letter be sent to the Planning Consultants expressing the Parish Council's views and concerns as discussed at the meeting.**

**Clerk**

**59 Speed Limit Reminder Signs**

Members were advised that the current maintenance contract for the Speed Limit Reminder Signs was carried out by TVBC at a cost of £1,500 per annum. A quotation had now been received from Ampfield Traffic Consultants Ltd to carry out the contract at a cost of £1,250 per annum.

**Resolved:**

**That the quotation from Ampfield Traffic Consultants, in the sum of £1,250, be accepted and that they be appointed as the contactor as from the end of the current contract with TVBC.**

**Clerk**

**60 Accounts**

The Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting. He also submitted the quarterly outturn report for the period ending 31st December 2011.

**Resolved:**

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

## **61 Borough and County Member Reports**

The Chairman Councillor Alan Dowden was pleased to announce that the Parish Council would not need to raise the Council Tax and therefore the parish precept would remain at 10% lower than it was 5 years ago and the parish tax would be one of the lowest in Test Valley. This has been achieved by gaining business donations and various grant funding.

The Chairman also introduced the new police constable for Valley Park, PC Mark Jeffery, to members.

The Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised that he had contacted Rickie Lambert, Southampton football club's top goal scorer, to launch the Valley Park in bloom event. He was still awaiting a reply and the Clerk was asked to follow this up with an official request from the Parish Council.

**Clerk**

Councillor Dowden also referred to the representations he had made regarding speeding in Valley Park after receiving complaints from local residents. As a result the Police carried out speed checks in Knightwood Road and School Lane. Eight Cars had been stopped along Knightwood Road and five along School Lane for speeding offences.

He also advised, in his capacity as Borough Councillor, that he was attending TVBC's next Cabinet meeting to make representations in relation to the 2012/13 Capital Budget for the maintenance and improvements to the sports & play facilities at Valley Park in 2012/2013. He also reported upon improvements to the new build-outs at the junction of Castle Lane/Pennard Way. In order to prevent long term parking from the School Lane industrial estates further prevention measures would be undertaken soon.

Councillor Mrs Tilling, in her capacity as Borough Councillor, reported that TVBC was still looking at the possibility of a food scrap collection service. She also gave an update on the position with regard to Project Integra. She also advised that TVBC wanted to look at aspects of the "Big Society" agenda and how they could implement some of those in Test Valley.

Councillor Mrs Tilling reported that each year TVBC gave out Business Incentive Grants to local businesses and that this year TVBC had awarded grants to two businesses in Valley Park. Councillor Mrs Tilling would present one and Councillor Dowden the other to each of the local business.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm