

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday
16 April 2012 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, Mrs L Farley, and Mrs K Tilling.

Apology for Absence: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ms J Snow

Action

69 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

70 Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from Rev Paul Burrows who was part of the Diamond Jubilee Anniversaries and as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations this year, it had been suggested that couples who had been married throughout the Queen's reign would like to gather together and have a celebration and as well that, also mark their own dedication and commitment to each other and reflect the 60 years of change at the same time.

They had looked into the possibilities for this locally and had created a threefold plan for residents of Hampshire

1. A celebration of Marriage for 60+years with the opportunity to renew their vows free of charge
2. A " royal" garden party in the county attended by some local personalities and dignitaries
3. A commemorative photograph of the couple and a small gift

They now need the help of local councils to reach out to the communities and see if there are any couples in their towns and villages who have reached the 60 years of marriage milestones or exceeded these, and let them know the details so that they could send invites to them.

Councillor Dowden had passed the email to the editor of Valley Park Voice for inclusion in their next magazine.

71 Public Questions

The Police Community Support Officer attended the meeting and gave an update on travellers and other information of interest.

72 Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported that he had received two quotations for the repainting of the bus shelters the lowest of which was submitted by Tim Middleton in the sum of £580. The Chairman also referred to the fact that the shelter by Knightwood

school was also in need of attention.

Resolved:

That the quotation for Tim Middleton in the sum of £580 plus the extras for the remedial works that were required (£60) be accepted and that he be asked to carry out the works to the other shelter referred to above.

73 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

74 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported that highway works were due to be carried out at the junction of Wicklow Drive and Knightwood Road and also in other areas of Wicklow Drive.

In his capacity as Borough Councillor he had attended the recent meeting of the Eastleigh/Test Valley Liaison Committee where a discussion ensued on the extension of the Baddesley Road Cycle route. Engineers had been commissioned to produce a design scheme that extended the cycling route from the new rail crossing to North Millers Dale. The original design required cyclists to cross to the north side of Baddesley Road and then back to access North Millers Dale. This had proved unpopular in consultation so a revised scheme had been produced incorporating a cycle path on the south side to the absolute minimum legal requirement in terms of width. It was believed that any minor concerns involving development on the edge of a nature reserve could be overcome. The groups supported the revised proposals. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to HCC on behalf of both Eastleigh and Test Valley Borough Councils seeking capital contribution toward the route and to ask them to consider this as a high priority.

Currently a sum of £75,251 was being held by HCC for the extension and the officers were now writing to HCC for a further sum of £100,000 to enable the works to proceed.

He also reported that he had written to the Dailey Echo and the Romsey advertiser re the Valley Park in bloom launch on 25 June by Southampton's top goal scorer Rickie Lambert.

Councillor Dowden had also attended the recent Southern Parishes meeting at Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council re the proposed accommodation review being carried out by TVBC. A number of questions would be raised by Borough Councillors at the next TVBC Council meeting.

Councillor Mrs Tilling, in her capacity as Borough Councillor, reported the Local Government Association had made a sum of money available for the big society agenda. TVBC had made a bid back in June for some of this funding and had now been invited to join a think tank and had gained consulting and support time from the LGA in the sum of £12,000. As a result, Valley Park is one of three wards invited by Test Valley Borough Council to spearhead a Community Empowerment programme designed to help local areas identify, prioritise and realise their development needs. As already mentioned, the programme was part-funded by the Local Government Association, as part of the government's localism agenda. The Borough Council would support local councillors to produce a ward profile to guide their decisions and to identify community leaders and partner organisations to reach their goals. Leading this initiative in Valley Park is Borough Councillor Kath Tilling.

75 Planning Applications

12/00469/FULLS

Two storey extension on north west side of house
8 Burley Down Chandlers Ford

Resolved:

That no comment be made and that TVBC be requested to hold a site visit for members of the Southern Area Planning Committee.

12/00667/FULLS

Single Storey Rear Extension
28 Caernarvon Gardens Chandlers Ford

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

12/00721/FULLS

Addition of second storey above office room
29 Hemlock Way Chandlers Ford

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm