

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday
14 May 2012 at 7.50pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

Present: Councillor A. Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs J Adey, R Bryan, Ms P Mukherjee Goodchild, Ms J Snow and Mrs K Tilling.

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson, A Beesley and Mrs L Farley.

Action

1 Declaration of Interest

Councilor Dowden declared a prejudicial interest in minute 8(3) as he was a committee member of the Knightwood Youth Club and left the room whilst that item was discussed.

2 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

Arising from minute 74, Borough and County Member reports, the Chairman reported that after making representations to the County Council he had received some good news from the leader of Hampshire County Council in relation to the proposed extension of the Baddesley Cycle Route up to the Hiltingbury Road traffic lights. County Council officers had now indicated that they could re-allocate the remaining developer contributions (£75k of TVBC Knightwood development) and potentially add some LTP local transport allocation funding. The scheme currently had a feasibility level design and estimate of £160k. With the £75k of contributions this was a £85k shortfall. Unfortunately there were no other suitable developer contributions in the area. However, officers seemed confident that some further money would become available from the LTP in 12/13 and on this basis further work was now underway to prepare the scheme for programming and (hopefully) implementation in the fourth quarter of 2012/13 programme of works.

4 Ward Profiling - Presentation

James Moody, Luke Cope and Verna Brown attended the meeting and outlined their roles at TVBC. Mr Moody gave an overview of TVBC's corporate plan and highlighted some of the main issues in it such as Environment, Economy, Community and Housing.

The main aim of the community element of the corporate plan was to encourage communities within Test Valley to reach their full potential. This was all part of the "Big Society" agenda, one of the risks of which was the possibility of the local member role being side lined. To alleviate this potential risk TVBC would seek to

encourage community initiatives that had the support of local people and where there was a proven need. To assist TVBC in this, it would help communities to assess their own needs. Parish planning was one way in which this could be done. As a result, TVBC proposed to create ward profiles for the whole of Test Valley, so that they could strengthen their evidence-led decision making. This would help in a range of ways and would, in particular, help direct their own community development support and the financial contributions that they received from developers.

Mr Moody circulated a draft outline pro forma ward profile document. This would need to be “fleshed out” and it was considered that the best way of doing this for Valley Park would be to set up a panel to take the matter forward.

This whole issue followed on from Councillor Mrs Tilling’s report at the last meeting in which she had outlined, in some detail, the issues around ward profiles and the limited consulting and support time that was available from the LGA (Local Government Association). Councillor Mrs Tilling was leading on this initiative in Valley Park.

Resolved:

That a panel be established to develop a ward profile for Valley Park in consultation with officers from TVBC.

5 Internal Audit Report and Risk Assessment

The Clerk presented the internal audit report on the Council’s accounts for 2011/2012 together with a review of the management of risks. Members considered this to be another excellent report.

Resolved:

(1) That the 2011/2012 Internal Audit Report be approved and that the risk assessment review as presented be agreed.

(2) That Mr G Butler be reappointed as the Council’s Internal Auditor.

6 Annual Governance Statement and Final Accounts 2011/2012

The Clerk submitted the final accounts for the year 2011/2012 together with the Annual Governance Statement, for approval.

Resolved:

That the Final Accounts for the year 2011/2012 be approved as submitted and that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

7 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

8 Request for Grant Aid

The clerk reported upon requests for grant aid.

Resolved:

- (1) That victim support be awarded a grant of £50**
- (2) That The Friends of the Parks be awarded a grant of £150 for the new Community Orchard and that it be suggested to them that a good site for a new community orchard would be on the open space off Wicklow Drive.**
- (3) That the Knightwood youth Club be awarded a grant of £3,000 to cover the employment costs of the youth leader up to the end of December 2012.**
- (4) That the Knightwood Tennis Club be awarded a grant of £150 and that they be advised (a) that the money should be used to assist the under 16 age group in the club and to encourage more young people to join and (b) that the Parish Council would like to receive feedback on how this grant has been spent.**

Clerk

9 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman Cllr. Alan Dowden reported that, in his capacity as Borough Councillor, he had attended a southern parishes meeting regarding the proposed closure of the Duttons Road Offices as part of the TVBC accommodation review and gave an update on the situation. He also reported that Hampshire Highways were making changes in the way HCC ran services but from conversations with Jonathon Bambridge Valley Park would not be affected. The Chairman also announced that he had entered Valley Park into the Test Valley in Bloom competition.

Councillor Mrs Tilling, in her capacity as Borough Councillor, reported that Councillor Mrs Baverstock would be the new Mayor of TVBC.

10 Planning Applications

12/01011/FULLS
14 Witham close Chandlers Ford
Erection of summer house

Resolved:

That no comment be made

Action

12/00912/FULLS

1 Wood End Way Chandlers Ford

Convert integral garage into room and build new garage at front

Resolved:

That no comment be made

12/00953/FULLS

1 Newlands Close

Single storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made

12/00971/FULLS

20 Merrick Way Chandlers Ford

Construction of porch and associated works

Resolved:

That no comment be made

12/00896/TPOS

3 Rowlands Close Chandlers Ford

Works to one Oak

Resolved:

That no comment be made

The meeting ended at 9.30pm