

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday
9 September 2013 at 7.30pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Beesley, and R Bryan,

Action

21 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

22 Matters Arising

Councillor Mrs Tilling gave an update on minute 17. The community café was now up and running and initial usage figures had been very encouraging. It was hoped that volunteers to help run the café and perhaps other projects could be obtained from users of the café. St Francis Church was willing to take an active lead in this venture.

23 Correspondence

The Clerk advised the members that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had reached an agreement on rates of pay as from 1 April 2013 (an increase of 1%). Consequently the National Association of Local Council Clerks and the Society of Local Council Clerks had jointly recommended that the salary scales of Local Clerks be increased by 1%.

Resolved:

That the Clerks salary be increased by 1% and back dated to 1 April 2013 in accordance with the recommendations of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

24 Winter Bulb Planting Proposal

The Chairman sought approval to purchase 3000 bulbs for the Winter Bulb Planting project at a cost of £400. Reference was also made to the possibility of getting Tommy Steele to launch the event on 12 November as he would be appearing at the Mayflower theatre that week. The Clerk undertook to contact Mayflower theatre to see if he would be available.

Clerk

Resolved:

That the sum of £400 be approved for purchasing bulbs for the Winter Bulb Planting event.

25 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

26 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman, in his capacity as County Councillor, reported that whilst the Xelabus 507 service had been withdrawn, the Velvet bus company had now taken over this service. He also advised that the X4 route was now a five day service.

The Chairman was also very pleased to announce that the Parish Council had received a gold award in the Test Valley In Bloom community competition and a silver gilt award in the hanging basket section.

Councillor Mrs Tilling advised that she was going to ask TVBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the planning policy development process at the Borough Council. She had felt this was necessary in the light of recent planning advice from officers and the outcome of a recent planning appeal. Members agreed that this would be an appropriate way forward.

27 Planning Applications

13/01693/FULLS

8 Stinchar Drive Chandlers Ford

Erection of boundary fence, shed , greenhouse, front porch , hardstanding and two storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.