

Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 11 July 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. J Adey, A. Beesley, R Bryan, Mrs. C. Dowden, Mrs. D. Moran, and Mrs. K.Tilling.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson and, J Tilling.

Action

83 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

84 Matters Arising.

Arising out of consideration of minute 79, the Chairman reported on the situation with respect to street sweeping and grass cutting in Valley Park and outlined the difficulties Test Valley Borough Council were experiencing in meeting the standards expected by local residents.

Arising from minute 81 the Chairman gave an update on the proposed devolution in Hampshire.

Work was now underway at Hampshire County Council to prepare for public consultation on potential future options for local government in Hampshire. The County Council had commissioned Deloitte to undertake an independent analysis on options for unitary government in Hampshire and they had concluded that the best option both in terms of financial and non-financial criteria, would be the creation of a single unitary council for Hampshire. However, it had been agreed that HCC would not consult on a preferred option, but would listen to the people of Hampshire before any decision was taken.

The County Council was making every effort to make the consultation objective, factual and accessible and was also engaging officers in the Heart of Hampshire and Solent districts to try and achieve a joint consultation.

The District Councils and Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight had commissioned consultants to undertake a study on potential options for unitary local government and HCC was critical stakeholder in this.

HCC was also considering a response to a further review being undertaken by the Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight on governance options to underpin the Solent Devolution deal. HCC would look at this once its consultation results were known.

The Chairman advised that there would be a number of workshops taking place in September for Parish and Town Councils to present Deloitte's analysis on unitary options which would complement the public consultation and focus on

exploring opportunities to strengthen the role of town and parish councils.

The Chairman also referred to the work being undertaken with businesses, schools, its own workforce and also the Members of Parliament.

Councillor Mrs Tilling advised that there would be an onsite consultation on 25th July with respect to the Donnington Drive Play area refurbishment and residents had been notified.

85 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received a request for grant aid from Victim Care

Resolved:

That a grant of £50 be made.

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from South East Regional Employers organisation that pay scales for parish clerks had increased by 1% across the board with effect from 1st Aril 2016 and by a further 1% with effect from 1st April 2017.

Resolved:

That's the new rates of pay as reported by the Clerk be agreed.

86 ACCOUNTS

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment

87 Number 46 Bus Route

The Chairman reported that he had received notification that a number of bus routes were being re tendered and were possibly under threat due to budget cuts by Hampshire County Council. One of those routes was the Number 46 bus Route which was used by many residents of Valley Park.

Members considered that any reduction in the service or indeed loss would be totally unacceptable.

Resolved:

That the Clerk write to Hampshire County Council objecting, in the strongest possible terms, to any reduction to the Number 46 Bus Route or to the loss of the service.

Clerk

88 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman referred to an exchange of emails he had had with Officers at Hampshire County Council on a request he had made for “Unsuitable for Heavy Goods” signage on Knightwood Road. Officers had been resisting this request and as a result he had met with senior HCC officers on site to show them exactly what the situation was and the damage caused by lorries using this road. The Chairman took the opportunity to advise the officers that the situation would get significantly worse due the Alpha Park planning application which had now been approved. It was apparent that the officers were not aware of this planning approval and had now gone away to assess its impact.

Councillor Beesley referred to changes taking place with respect to TVBC licensing of Sex establishments. It had been agreed to allow non-contentious applications to be delegated to officers as it would save time and resources bringing the Council into line with other authorities.

He also reported upon changes to Private Hire licensing conditions.

Councillor Mrs. Tilling advised that Test Valley Borough Council had published an updated ward profile for Valley Park which included new statistics. This can be viewed via the following link:-

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/workingwithcommunities/mylocalarea/valley-park/valley-park-ward-profile/>

89 Planning Applications

16/01525/FULLS
65 Wood End Way Chandlers Ford
Two storey Side Extension

Resolved :

That no Comment be made

16/01485/FULLS
133 Morgan Le Fy Drive Chandlers Ford
Garden shed to Rear

Resolved :

That no Comment be made

16/01251/FULLS
7 Harlech Drive Chandlers Ford
Two Storey Side extension

Resolved :

That no Comment be made

16/01469/TPOS
Land to rear 12 Fowey Close Chandlers Ford
Various tree works

Resolved:

That no objection be made, subject to no objection from arboricultural officer

16/01465/TPOS
Land to rear 17 Sir Lancelot Close Chandlers Ford
Various tree works

Resolved:

That no objection be made, subject to no objection from arboricultural officer.

16/01590/TPOS
Land to rear 1 Jack Close Chandlers Ford
Various tree works

Resolved:

That no objection be made, subject to no objection from arboricultural officer.

16/01532/FULLS
Construction of 1.8m high fence adjacent to boundary
6 Acorn Grove Chandlers Ford

Resolved:

That an objection be made due to highway concerns in an open plan area

16/01621/FULLS
Rear Conservatory
7 Hemlock Way Chandlers Ford

Resolved :

That no Comment be made

16/01439/FULLS
16 Thetford Gardens Chandlers Ford
Ground floor rear and side extensions

Resolved :

That no Comment be made

The meeting closed at 8.30pm