

**Minutes of the proceedings of Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday  
10 April 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park**

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

**Action**

**126 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**127 Correspondence**

The Chairman read out an email which the Clerk had sent to former Parish Council Councillors Kath and John Tilling, who had resigned following the last meeting, thanking them for their sterling service on the Parish Council.

The Clerk added that he had notified the elections unit at Test Valley Borough Council of the vacancies and following publication of the appropriate notice no request for an election had been received by them and it was now appropriate to co-opt new members. The Chairman advised that he was aware of two people who would be willing to be co-opted onto the Council and these were Mr Christopher Thom and Simon Cross.

**Resolved:**

**That Mr Christopher Thom and Simon Cross be co-opted onto the Parish Council.**

(Note: following the signing of their declarations of acceptance of office both new members joined the meeting as full members of the Parish Council)

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Test Valley Borough Council Enforcement Team regarding a breach of planning control at 22 Salcombe Close Chandler Ford specifically with regard to the use of the property for the sale, display and maintenance of motor vehicles. Following a refusal by the Borough Council to grant retrospective planning approval for the change of use of the land from residential to vehicle sales a statutory enforcement notice had been served upon the landowner to discontinue the current use and to remove all the vehicles parked or stored there. The owner had until 7<sup>th</sup> May to comply unless an appeal was submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate but so far, no appeal had been submitted.

**128 Knightwood Leisure Centre- New Gym**

The Chairman reported that he had met with Peter Leamore, the Area Manager, for People and Places and he had advised that his company would be installing a new gym at the leisure centre. This would incorporate the annex in which the Parish Council usually met and also the kitchen area. The youth club also used the annex but they would now move to the main Hall and in future the Parish Council would meet at the community centre.

The Pre-School group which also used the centre would be having a new purpose built building paid for by Test Valley Borough Council, but designed and installed by Hampshire County Council. This would be officially opened in September by Councillor Dowden and Caroline Nokes, the local MP.

The Chairman also referred to the sports pitches at the Knightwood Leisure Centre and to the fact that Test Valley Borough Council had won bids from the Football Foundation and Sport England to put in new drainage so that the pitches could be brought up to an acceptable standard. The pitches would be closed from May until September whilst the works were being carried out.

**129 Accounts**

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

**Resolved:**

**That the accounts be approved for payment**

**130 Borough and County Member reports**

Councillor Beesley advised that following a meeting with Louise Trayling, the Community Engagement officer at Test Valley Borough Council, to discuss priorities for spending from the Borough Councillors grant fund in 2017/18, he had put forward a proposal to identify areas for further expansion of the community orchard and Councillor Dowden had put forward a proposal to install out door exercise equipment for older children and adults in Valley Park.

**131 Planning Applications**

17/00655/FULLS  
Erection of summer house in rear garden  
6 Wansbeck Close Chandlers Ford

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

17/00666/FULLS  
Ground floor rear extension  
25 Burley Down Chandlers Ford

**Resolved:**

**That no comment be made.**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm