

Minutes of the proceedings of the Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.30pm at the Valley Park Community Centre

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors, A Beesley, R Bryan, S. Cross, Mrs. C. Dowden, Mrs. D. Moran and C Thom.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J. Adey and C Anderson.

Action

11 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 8th May 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12 Matters Arising

Arising out of consideration of minute 7 the Clerk informed members that the Borough Councillors Community grant had now been approved.

13 TVBC Leisure Services

Kevin Harrington, the Parks and Countryside Manager at Test Valley Borough Council, attended the meeting and gave an overview of the work of his section which was split into three teams namely Community Engagement which supported local councilors in their role as community leaders, management of The Lights theatre in Andover. Parks and Countryside which was by far their biggest work load. Kevin gave details of the work which his team carried out in Valley Park which included woodland management, the management of trees, acting as the client for the Knightwood Leisure Centre and Children's play including the management of the play area refurbishment programme which had seen investment over the last three years of some £247,000. Total investment in projects since 2015 in Valley Park currently totaled £862,000.

Projects for 2017 included: -

Drainage improvements at KLC pitches Test Valley had received £100,000 in grants and the cost of the scheme of works would be £150K

Skate Park refurbishment £180,000

Violet Close play area refurbishment £70,000

Improvements to some of the woodland paths £30,000

Resolved: -

That Kevin be thanked for his informative presentation.

14 Police Report

PCSO Phoebe Settle from Hampshire Constabulary attended the meeting and gave a summary of issues that had arisen in Valley Park over the last few months. Of particular note and concern were the fires which had been started in the woodland area. Two incidents had been reported one of which necessitated the attendance of a fire crew and inquiries were still on going into this incident.

15 Gutter Weed Treatment

The Chairman reported that the County Council now only carried out one weed treatment a year and due to current regulations, the herbicide it used was much weaker and consequently took much longer to kill the weeds. The programme for spraying was now underway but this was very much weather dependant.

16 Proposed Base Station Knightwood Road

The Clerk circulated a letter and plan from GallifordTry, agents for Vodaphone, inviting the Council to comment on their proposal to install a mast and base station at land adjacent to Knightwood Road, Chandlers Ford, as shown on the plan circulated.

Whilst the Parish Council was not against the erection of such masts in principle, it did have a duty to ensure that any such proposal did not have a detrimental impact. Valley Park Parish Council has worked continually to enhance the Parish, through providing floral displays and bulb and wild flower planting. This had been recognised by national newspapers and through environmental awards.

Members indicated therefore that they would not wish to see a mast in such a prominent location. Parents and school children would pass it twice a day. The main concern of the Parish Council was that the erection of the mast and base stations, in this location, is that it would have a detrimental impact upon the street scene. There was also a further concern that it is so close to a major gas main.

Members therefore looked at the sites which had been discounted by the company and suggested that they re- look at those sites.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council respond to the consultation on the lines indicted at the meeting.

17 Accounts

The Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment

18 Borough and County Member Reports

The Chairman, in his capacity as Borough Councillor advised members that Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council had asked Valley Park Parish Council if it would consider part funding the employment of two workers to patrol in a surveillance van to deter and/or detect crime in the area. Members considered that due to the low level of anti-social behaviour in Valley Park and that the Parish Council' priority was to support the Knightwood Youth Club then any available funding should be directed to the youth club and not to the project proposed by Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council.

The Chairman also reported that the Valley Park in Bloom event would be launched by Lawrie McMenemy on 4th July at 10.30am. As usual, Children from the local primary schools had been invited to help with the launch.

19 Planning Applications

17/01402/FULLS
20 Fairbairn Walk Chandlers Ford
First floor side extension

Resolved:

That no Comment be made

17/01431/FULLS
3 Salcombe Close Chandlers Ford
Single storey side extension

Resolved:

That no Comment be made

17/01380/FULLS
15 Hodder Close Chandlers ford
Single storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no Comment be made

16/03238/FULLS
30 Salcombe Close Chandlers Ford
Change of use of open land to garden and erection of boundary wall

Resolved:

That an objection be made as local children had used this area as a play space.

Action

17/01268/TPOS
Various tree works
Knightwood Leisure Centre Chandlers Ford

Resolved:

That subject to there being no objection from the tree officer then no objection be made

17/01099/FULLS
4 Rowlands Close Chandlers Ford
Single storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no Comment be made

The meeting closed at 9.30pm