

**Minutes of the proceedings of the Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm at the Valley Park Community Centre**

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

**Apology for Absence:** An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Beesley

**Action**

**20 Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**21 Matters Arising**

Arising out of consideration of the minutes the Chairman informed members that due to the dry weather, the drainage works at the Knightwood Leisure Centre pitches had come to a stop and would begin again in October. With respect to the request by Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council to consider part funding the employment of two workers to patrol in a surveillance van to deter and/or detect crime in the area, the Chairman reported that he had now agreed to attend a presentation by the Parish Council on the matter.

**22 TVBC Planning Policy Presentation**

David Bibby, the Senior Planning Policy Officer at Test Valley Borough Council, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of his department which was primarily involved in the production of the Borough Local Plan.

The Revised Borough Local Plan was adopted in January 2016 and the plan period ran until 2029 and this allocated land for development and set out policies for the determination of planning applications. The plan needed to be kept up to date on a regular basis and work on a new local plan would begin in the next couple of years, potentially looking to 2036.

David referred to the new Local Development Scheme which had been approved by the Borough Council at the end of June which set out the timetable for the production of Local Plan Development Documents and this incorporated Development Plan Documents for Gypsies Travellers and travelling Showpeople.

His department took a more collaborative approach to the production of the Local plan and this involved working with communities and parish and town councils. This had resulted in the Planning Policy team being integrated into Chief Executive's Service so that they could work corporately with other council services and with partners, central to the delivery of the Council's priorities Corporate Plan 2015-2019. The issues to address were as follows:-

- Live – supply of housing reflects local needs
- Work – and do business
- Enjoy – the natural and built environment
- Contribute – to and be part of a strong community

David went onto outline the key Issues for the next local plan which included areas of significant development pressure, government policy, the wider context and relationships with neighbouring authorities, the housing requirement together with affordable housing, housing mix, settlement boundaries and the quality of development. Other issues included Rural Development and the sustainability and viability of villages, economic development needs, retail and town centres and the associated infrastructure.

Transport, and local gaps also had to be considered and finally all this had to be balanced with the need to protect the environment.

**Resolved: -**

**That David be thanked for his informative presentation.**

### **23 Weeds In Pavement Gutters**

The Chairman reminded members that at the last meeting he had advised 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 weeds, in some areas, were now becoming an eyesore in Valley Park and as a result he had asked the contractor who currently carried out strimming for the Council to provide a quote to treat the weeds in those areas which were particularly bad.

**Resolved: -**

**That the action of the Chairman be endorsed.**

### **24 St Francis' Church- Refurbishment of Toilet Provisions**

The Clerk reported details of a request he had received for financial assistance towards the costs involved in refurbishing the toilets at St Francis' Church which were used not only by the congregation, but the wider community.

**Resolved: -**

**That a grant of £500 be made to St Francis' Church and that they be encouraged to apply to the Test Valley Borough Council Community Grant Fund and to the Hampshire County Council for a County Councillor grant for further grant assistance towards this project.**

### **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**

In his capacity as County Councillor the Chairman reported details of a consultation document from the County Council on balancing its budget. The following comments on the consultation were made: -

The Parish Council believes that the changes to the Waste Recycling Centres, particularly the charging regime, is self-defeating.

Money should be taken from balances to protect essential services

Costs could be significantly reduced in the press office by making more use of the web site.

It was appreciated that members needed more time to think about a response on this issue and it was agreed that the Clerk send out the consultation to all members asking that they come back to him with any further comments so that a full response to the consultation could be made.

The Chairman also referred to a consultation by the Boundary Commission on the draft recommendations for the future electoral arrangements for Test Valley Borough Council. The draft recommendations differed from those submitted by Test Valley Borough Council and it was understood that the Borough Council, in its response to the consultation, was likely to reaffirm its original proposals.

The Chairman advised that he had asked officers at the Borough Council to cut back the trees along Skys Wood Road and Knightwood Road as the branches were now hanging over the footway. This work would be carried out by Test Valley Borough Council as part of the winter programme of works.

The Chairman also advised that the Valley Park in Bloom event had been a success.

## **27 Planning Applications**

17/0164/FULLS  
15 Hornbeam Close Chandlers Ford  
Erection of replacement Conservatory

**Resolved: -**

**That no objection be made**

17/01539/FULLS  
Industrial Unit Reliant Close Chandlers Ford  
Part demolition, extensions and re-cladding of existing warehousing and office

**Resolved: -**

**That an Objection be made due to concerns over increased size of facility with regard to the possibility of increased noise levels to the detriment of nearby housing. The site has previously the subject of noise concerns**

**and complaints from residents.**

**Action**

17/01731/TPOS  
28 Raglan Close Chandlers Ford  
Crown lift one Oak Tree

**Resolved: -**

**That no objection be made subject to approval of the tree officer.**

17/01610/TPOS  
2 Calshot Drive Chandlers ford  
Reduce one Oak by 2 metres and remove deadwood

**Resolved: -**

**That no objection be made subject to approval of the tree officer.**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm