

Minutes of the proceedings of the Valley Park Parish Council held on Monday 9 October 2017 at 7.30pm at the Valley Park Community Centre

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

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Anderson, A Beesley and S Cross

Action

35 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

36 Accounts

The Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment

37 Borough and County Member Reports

Chris Thom reported that refurbishment works had now commenced at the Violet Close Play area.

Councillor Dowden reported that Ash dieback had recently been found in Valley Park in Skyswood Road along by Jack Close. He outlined the symptoms of this disease which could lead to the decline and ultimately death of such trees. At present, around 57 Ash Trees had been identified in this location and whilst not currently dangerous they would need monitoring in Spring 2018. It was therefore necessary to plan for their replacement at some future date and the Chairman had suggested to the Borough Council that a mix of tree species of different colours be planted as and when the Ash trees have to be removed.

Councillor Dowden also reported that Hampshire County Council was to make extensive cuts to its budget over the next two years to enable it to balance its budget, these cuts would clearly have an impact on the most vulnerable in society.

Councillor Dowden advised members that the Local Government Boundary Commission had now agreed to support the proposals put forward by Test Valley Borough Council. Some properties in Valley Park would transfer to the North Baddesley Ward for the Borough and some would transfer to the Chilworth Nursling and Rownhams Ward for the Borough. Following this review Test Valley Borough Council would now undertake a review of the Parishes and a consultation with the Parishes on a proposed review would be carried out in the coming months. The Parish Council would seek to maintain the Parish as it is.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm