

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9 July 2018 at 7.30pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mr R Bryan
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mr C Thom
Cllr Mr C Anderson
Cllr Mr S Cross
Cllr Mr A Beesley
Cllr Mrs D Moran

Apologies for absence:

No apologies for absence were received.

Action

19 Declarations of interests

None

20 Minutes of the meetings held on 11th June 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

21 Matters Arising

Cllr Dowden informed that advice from Test Valley for the residents of Valley Park regarding keeping rats away was received and published in the Valley Park Voice. Cllr Dowden reported that Test Valley have been taken clear measures to ensure the reduction of the rodent population. These included employment of more rodent officers, placing more traps and supporting directly the residents who have been affected by the rats' presence in their homes.

Cllr Dowden attended the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury local area committee and informed councillors that a recommendation was made to the Chief Executive to work in collaboration with Test Valley to tackle the rats' issue. The Chief Executive of Eastleigh Borough Council confirmed a closer collaboration with Test Valley. Woodland Trust also confirmed their involvement and work from September onwards to cut the undergrowth as well as allow Test Valley to place traps for the rats.

20 areas in Valley Park were reported to Test Valley as areas of concern for rats, following notifications from residents.

Councillors were informed that the Parish newsletter is scheduled for delivery next week.

Councillors were informed that the benches at Wicklow Drive playground are in better shape.

22 To receive and consider correspondence

The Parish Clerk informed that a Facebook Page for the Valley Park Parish Council has been created in order to share local news and new projects, as well as engage more with the local residents. Some questions and comments were received via Facebook page:

Concerns were raised by residents about overgrowing grass and shrubs in different location in Valley Park. The Chairman contacted Test Valley asking for immediate action. This situation has been rectified and work has started being carried out.

One concern was received about the noise from the site of the old brewer depot. Councillors advised that the Parish Clerk sends a notification to Test Valley Borough Council (Environmental Health Department).

The Chairman informed that Test Valley Borough Council objected to a planning application in Reliant Close (17/01539/FULLS) for increasing in number of loading bays from 3 to 13 due to concerns about possible noise impact for Valley Park residents. Valley Park Parish Council had already objected for the same reasons. The final decision belongs to Eastleigh Borough Council.

The Parish Clerk informed that positive comments were received about the planned new skate park at Knightwood Leisure. Along with the positive comments, residents also raised concerns of lack of bins and seating in the area of the new skate park and football pitch. The Chairman confirmed that a meeting with the Parks and Leisure Manager at Test Valley Borough Council was planned for 17th July to discuss this matter.

One resident commented that a path in front of Tesco to link with the path leading off George Perrett Way would be useful. The Chairman had already responded to the comment, indicating that the area is owned by Chamberlayne Estates and notifications should be directed to Tesco.

The Chairman informed that a letter was received from the Borough Council to invite Parish Councils to take the opportunity to establish a scheme of Parish Council members' allowances. The Chairman suggested and all councillors agreed that the Parish does not wish to establish such a scheme and would like to spend the Parish money on local projects and for the Valley Park residents.

The Chairman informed that Test Valley is preparing the next Local Plan for the Borough for the period to 2036. The Council is therefore consulting on the issues and options for the next Local Plan and as part of the preparation process, aims to get residents' views on the issues that face the Borough and those that live and work in Test Valley and the options for how to best deal with them. The consultation includes issues covering: houses, employment, the environment and infrastructure. The ten week public consultation is now open.

The Chairman invited councillors' suggestions and presented proposed comments to the Local Plan. One aspect discussed was about implementing a fairer distribution of new homes and employment opportunities within Test Valley.

The Chairman asked all councillors to make any comments to the Local Plan and send them to the Clerk before 17th July 2018.

Resolved:

That councillors submit any comments about the Local Plan to the Parish Clerk before 17th July 2018. The Clerk to submit the response to Test Valley on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Chris Thom attended the Knightwood School Summer Fayre, where he assisted borough officers to get 50 consultation forms for the Corporate Plan completed. As part of the feedback to the Corporate Plan, residents suggested to have protected sideways on Flexford Road and a clear path from Valley Park to Hilingbury. Parish councillors did not think a cycle path on Flexford Road is a viable option and the path connecting Valley Park to Hilingbury is outside of the Valley Park boundaries.

23 Public questions

None received.

24 Accounts

The Parish Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting. The Councillors were informed that the invoice for the hanging baskets (£8,811) was received and asked councillors for their approval.

Other payments for this month included the newsletter distribution, the newsletter printing, batteries for the Ampfield consultants for the speed signs and the clerk salary and expenses.

The Chairman suggested for next year to have the Parish newsletter published on the Parish Council's website as well as social media and a smaller number of print outs available for residents to be collected from local shop.

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

25 Borough and County member reports

Cllr Chris Thom, in his capacity of Borough Councillor, informed that he joined the Knights Wood walk in the woods with the Test Valley Borough Council Officer and positive feedback was received from the parents regarding the maintenance of the place.

Cllr Celia Dowden attended the Full Council meeting and raised questions regarding the arrangements during the proposed closure of Romsey Rapids swimming pool in October 2018. Cllr A Dowden was also present at the

meeting and asked about the bus service 46 and the Borough council's action when the subsidies for the bus service will come to an end next year to ensure people in Valley Park will not become isolated. A public consultation is open to gain feedback and comments.

Councillors were informed that OSCOM (Test Valley) has a new Chair.

26 Cllr Cross' report from the Parish Briefing in Longstock

Cllr Cross attended the Parish Briefing and informed councillors that the main topic of the meeting was the launch of the Local Plan, the process and the sections of the plan. A Local Plan has to be based upon national planning guidance (National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance), the evidence collected and considered and what the Council and communities see as the key planning issues.

27 Planning Applications

18/01714/FULLS

1 Wood End Way, Chandler's Ford

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension to form open plan kitchen and dining area

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

18/01718/FULLS

4 Eden Walk, Chandler's Ford

Side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

Cllr Ray Bryan sent apologies for first meeting in September 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____