

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mr C Thom
Cllr Mr C Anderson
Cllr Mr A Beesley
Cllr J Adey

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mr R Bryan, Cllr Mrs D Moran and Cllr Mr S Cross sent their apologies.

Action

29 Declarations of interests

None

30 Minutes of the meetings held on 9th July 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

31 Matters Arising

The Chairman informed that the Environmental Health Manager from Test Valley Borough Council, Mark Lee is going to attend the Parish meeting in November to present an update on the rats' issues in Valley Park and the collaborative work with the other organisations. The Chairman will also attend the Eastleigh and Test Valley Liaison meeting where the topic is on the agenda for discussion. Councillors were also informed that the Woodland Trust have confirmed that work to clear the vegetation at Small Profits behind Tyne Close will take place in September. A note was made that the undergrowth was cleared on Castle Lane area.

The Parish Clerk informed that the table tennis table is going to be delivered the next day.

32 To receive and consider correspondence

The Parish Clerk informed that one resident raised concern about the yellow lines restrictions in front of his house and the penalties received. Test Valley gave a full response to the resident.

One resident informed that the fencing across both sides of the School Lane crossing is damaged and needs replacing. The Chairman confirmed that a job was raised with the County Council's contractor for this work, which will be to replace all of the timber post and rails with new ones.

33 Public questions

None received.

34 Accounts

The Parish Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting and the payments for September, which include the table tennis table installation and the watering of the hanging baskets.

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

The Clerk advised that the Certificate and Report from the external auditors was received. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return were reviewed and approved. No concerning matters were raised. The External Auditor Report and Certificate along with the notice of conclusion of audit were posted on the Parish Council's website.

35 Neighbourhood Plan discussion

Councillors agreed to invite the Neighbourhood Planning Officer and the Community Engagement Officer from Test Valley to provide an outline of a neighbourhood plan to help councillors decide if the Parish would consider drafting a plan.

Resolved:

That the Parish Clerk invite the officers from Test Valley to present an outline of a neighbourhood plan to councillors at the Parish Meeting in October.

36 Borough and County member reports

Cllr Beesley reported that over 2,000 people attended the community Wood Fair at Zionhill Copse.

Councillors were informed that Valley Park Woodland Local Nature Reserve has once again achieved the Green Flag Award.

Cllr Adey reported a recent incident at Knightwood Leisure Park, where young people were threatened by a group of individuals from outside the local community. Councillors raised concerns that an increasing number of burglaries and bikes theft have also been reported recently. A note was placed in the Valley Park Voice, on the Parish Council's website and Social Media to advise residents to take every precaution in order to keep properties and residents safe. The Parish Council is concerned that the community has no regular policing presence because of a shortage of police officers. Cllr Dowden has responded to the communication received from Hampshire Constabulary, expressing his disappointment regarding the lack of police officers due to the budget cuts and restraints.

Cllr Dowden reported the following:

- Some roads might still have permitted development rights despite the understanding that these should have been removed. Test Valley

Planning and Building Service agreed to carry out a search through the relevant planning history of Valley Park in the attempt to source planning decisions and maps in order to correlate decision notice to particular roads. The Parish will be informed once the search will be complete.

- Knightwood Drainage project has temporary stopped due to the ground conditions and would commence in October, once the ground softens.
- The bulb planting in Valley Park would take place on 31st October 2018, in the presence of Radhi Jaidi, a former Tunisian international football player and currently, the under 21 coach at Southampton Football Club. Children from St Francis CoE and Knightwood Primary schools will be carrying out the planting of the Jet fire bulbs and Veolia will provide the compost. Local donation for the bulbs was kindly received.
- A request for action to prevent more flooding in Templars Way/School Lane junction area was submitted to the County. A response was received mentioning that regular maintenance has been done. However, in order to resolve completely the issue, it will be necessary to replace significant sections of pipework. This work has been put forward to the Operation Resilience team for consideration, but has not yet achieved a place in the programme.
- Work to create the new skate park at the Knightwood Leisure Centre began on 30th August. The build is likely to take 12 weeks (dependant on weather).
- A response from a request concerning the ash die back and replacement trees work was received from the Arboricultural Officer, explaining that the Ash set in Skyswood Road has been monitored and no significant decline was noticed in comparison to last year. A re-survey will take place soon to draw up a schedule of works.
- A new path from Sky's Wood Road will be constructed on tarmac and will run along with the left of the access road. The work is expected to commence this autumn.
- An outdoor gym will be built at Knightwood Leisure Centre and the consultation will take place on 21 September, which will inform what equipment is installed.

37 Planning Applications

18/02339/TPOS

T1 Oak – cut back branches overhanging gardens of 8 & 9 Wolversey Place and 22 Danbury Gardens and reduce height up to 6 metres

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to approval of the Arboricultural Officer.

18/02306/TPOS

T1 Oak – cut back branches overhanging gardens of 7, 8, 9 and 22 Wolvesey Place and 22 Danbury Gardens and reduce height up to 6 metres

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to approval of the Arboricultural Officer.

18/022257/TPOS

T1 Oak – prune up to 3m, 7 Wolvesey Place

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to approval of the Arboricultural Officer.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____