

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 8 October 2018 at 7.30pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mr R Bryan
Cllr Mr S Cross
Cllr Mr A Beesley

Apologies for absence:

Cllr J Adey, Cllr Mr C Thom and Cllr Mrs D Moran and sent their apologies.

Action

38 Presentation from Test Valley Officers on Community Planning

Sarah Hughes – Neighbourhood Planning Officer and Louise Trayling – Community Engagement Officer presented councillors the different types of community toolkits available. A hard copy of the Test Valley Community Planning Toolkit was provided for councillors' reference and was handed to the Clerk.

Test Valley officers explained the role of the Parish Council and the Borough Council in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The Parish Council has the responsibility for leading the process. The Borough Council, as a Local Planning Authority, has a significant role in managing the formal stages of the process and ensuring that the regulations are complied with.

The procedure comprises a number of stages, which include public consultation on the draft NDP and examination in public. If the NDP is found to be satisfactory, a local referendum must take place, where more than 50% of those voting must agree to it, before it can be adopted as a formal part of the Development Plan.

When councillors asked how does the NDP fit with the Test Valley Borough Local Plan, the officers responded that a NDP would be part of the statutory development plan. This means that any decisions made on planning applications would need to have regard to both Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plans, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Supplementary Planning Documents (e.g. village design statements) and non-planning documents (e.g. community or parish plan) were detailed. Test Valley Officers explained that any planning guidance that comes out supersedes the old one.

Councillors asked what are the costs of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Officers explained that the cost would depend on the size and population of the parish, the number of volunteers and whether any additional studies are required. Although the costs of the examination and the referendum will be the responsibility of the Borough Council, most of the costs involved in preparing a NDP will fall to the community. Funding towards the costs associated with the

production of a NDP is available from Test Valley Community Planning Grant (£1,000-£2,000 depending on the population) and Locality Grants up to £9,000.

Councillors agreed to discuss the feasibility of a plan at the next Parish Council Meeting, in November.

39 Declarations of interests
None

40 Minutes of the meetings held on 10th September 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

41 Matters Arising

Mark Lee will attend the next Parish meeting in November and will give an update regarding the rats' issues in Valley Park. No recent concerns or complaints regarding rats' issue in the area have been received. Cllr Dowden attended the Liaison Group meeting and reported back to the Parish Council. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of involvement of the Eastleigh Borough Council and the advice received from Hampshire County Council regarding managing the rats' issue in schools internally.

42 To receive and consider correspondence

The Parish Clerk informed that a letter was received on behalf of the Valley Park Community Centre in order to gather support from the councillors for further refurbishment to the building, as well as their ideas of what services they believe the community need to expand the activities and services they currently offer the local community.

Resolved:

That the Parish Clerk invites the Chair of the Valley Park Community Association to the next meeting to present their request for support to councillors.

43 Public questions
None received.

44 Accounts

The Parish Clerk informed members of accounts received since the last meeting.

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved.

45 Public Open Space Audit

Councillors were informed that an update of the Public Open Space Audit was recently conducted within the Valley Park Parish.

Councillors analysed the report and proposed the following alterations to Test Valley:

1. Lighting is needed on the pathway that connects the Knightwood Leisure Centre to the traffic lights on Knightwood Road, as this is a route to school for parents who use the Park and Stride scheme and collect the children from St Francis CoE Primary School and after school club. Councillors suggested solar panel lighting is placed on the roof of the leisure centre to light the pathway.

2. Improving the level of surfacing on the same pathway to stop the flooding when heavy rain.

3. Valley Park residents requested a pathway from Skyswood Road (Wood End Way area) to connect to the footpath to the Knightwood Leisure Centre. This is currently a grassy area, which gets very muddy.

The Chairman also informed that he received requests from youngsters of Valley Park to modernise the basketball courts by having the court lined up and by replacing the old basketball rings and hoop nets.

Resolved:

That the Parish Clerk will email the Test Valley Leisure with this request.

46 Borough and County member reports

The Chairman reminded councillors that the bulb-planting event will take place on 31st October, at 10.30am. Both local schools have been invited to attend the event alongside the Tunisian international footballer, Radhi Jaidi.

47 Planning Applications

18/02517/FULLS

Windows, rooflights and Cabrio balconies to facilitate loft conversion
1 Wood End Way

Resolved:

That no comments be made.

18/02568/FULLS

Part Single and part two storey rear extension to enlarge living space and conversion of garage to study
22 Teviot Road

Resolved:

That no comments be made.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____