

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.00pm
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 Clive Anderson
Cllr Mr C Thom

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mr A Beesley, Cllr Ms J Adey and Cllr Mrs D Moran and sent apologies.

Action

48 Rats Issues in Valley Pak – Update by Mark Lee – Test Valley Environmental Health Manager

Mark Lee presented an update about the rats' issues in Valley Park and the efforts of his organisation.

Councillors were informed that a lot of work has been carried out over summer to tackle the rats' issue and the activity has now been reducing. A rat infestation area was found around George Perrett Way and that was dealt with. The Pest Control Officer is monitoring the situation and visits the sites in Valley Park at least once a week. Local businesses and the public responded very well to the advice provided by Test Valley and Valley Park and are more careful and mindful with bird feeding and litter control. The damaged bins in the area have been replaced.

Positive feedback about the grounds maintenance was received by the Test Valley representatives. Woodland Trust also responded to the calls for joined efforts to resolve the issues and cut back an overgrown strip. The residents in Tyne Close were also assisted and the problem has been solved.

It was highlighted that the authorities worked together to reduce the number of rats in the area and Test Valley have been particularly proactive and took a leading role. Councillors were pleased to note that both businesses and residents acted responsible in ensuring all steps to avoid further rats' infestation are taken on their premises or households.

A councillor asked a question about the environmental health checks and displaying the rating and certificate by businesses. Mark Lee confirmed that displaying the certificates is not required by law; however, the ratings are public information and can be checked on the following website <http://ratings.food.gov.uk>.

Mark Lee highlighted that there is a very high level of good performance in Test Valley as far as the health environmental checks of premises are concerned.

49 Support Request from Valley Park Community Association – Sarah

Roberts, Chair of VPCA

Sarah Roberts explained to councillors about the main works carried out in the summer and the need of refurbishment and modernisation to make rooms fit for educational purposes and provide a more accessible building. The refurbishment plan was presented to the Parish Council. Councillors advised on a number of possible grants and provided VPCA with key contact details.

The Chairman proposed that the Parish supports the refurbishment plan and offers £1,000 towards that. The Chairman also proposed that £1,000 would be offered to VPCA from the Community Grants to the Councillors funds.

Resolved:

That Parish Council offer the grant in the amount of £1,000 to Valley Park Community Association towards the refurbishment project.

50 Declarations of interests

None

51 Minutes of the meetings held on 8th October 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

52 Matters Arising

The Parish Council will discuss the Community planning at the meeting in December.

The Chairman informed that the new footpath link from Skyswood Road to the Knightwood Leisure Centre would commence on 15th November. The works will be carried out by RONCON who anticipate the project being complete before Christmas. A new height barrier will also be installed to complete the project.

53 To receive and consider correspondence

The Parish Clerk informed that an application for funds was received from EBS Counselling in Hedge End. Councillors considered the request, but declined the request, due to the location of the organisation.

Councillors were informed that the Parish received an email from Chandlers Ford Parish Council informing about a proposed inter parish cycle event, passing through Valley Park. The Parish was asked to send a representative and it was agreed that Cllr Thom would attend the first meeting.

54 Public questions

None received.

55 Accounts

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

Resolved:
That the accounts be approved.

56 Borough and County member reports

In his capacity as a Borough member, Cllr Dowden informed that the skate ramp should finish by the end of November and there will be an official opening.

Cllr Dowden informed that the 46 bus route was saved with more details to come. Councillors were informed about the changes in the timetable, which will also be published in the Valley Park Voice. The Chairman asked the Parish to agree if £2,000 can be put aside (if needed) for ensuring Bus 46 would continue its current service in Valley Park.

Cllr Dowden reported that the parking permits in Test Valley and Eastleigh area will go up to a minimum of £50/year in 2020, which would be an increase of 246% to park near home.

Cllr Dowden informed that the new nets for the basketball court at Knightwood Leisure Centre arrived and would be installed. Lining the court will follow soon.

Cllr Dowden informed the Parish that he is planning to address a question to the next Hampshire County Full Council, requesting the leader of the County to explain members why we allow Hampshire Catering Services to provide in Hampshire schools, packaging of some items that cannot be recycled such as tetrapaks and small plastic pots of fruit juice which require a plastic straw and desserts in small rigid pots, which are difficult to recycle instead of providing juice drinks in small screw top bottles and washable pots for desserts that can be reused or other bio degradable containers.

57 Planning Applications

18/02902/FULLS

Single storey rear extension to form extended living areas
19 Thetford Gardens, SO53 4RN

Resolved:
That no comments be made.

18/02918/FULLS

Proposed replacement rear conservatory
59 Wood End Way

Resolved:
That no comments be made.

18/02887/FULLS

Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension to form family room

Resolved:
That no comments be made.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____