

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.00pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mr C Thom
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Dr K Woods-Townsend
Cllr Mr C Anderson
Cllr Mr R Bryan

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr S Cross, Cllr Mrs S Bates, Cllr Mrs D Green

Action

27 Declarations of interests

None

28 Minutes of the meetings held on 8th July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

29 Matters Arising

It was noted that Chandler's Ford street pastors reported they ceased their activity.

Following a refusal of an application for a certificate of proposed lawful development, councillors raised concerns that some residents do not seek permission before building. Councillors agreed that a reminder note for the Valley Park residents to seek permission prior to building should be placed in the next Parish newsletter.

30 To receive and consider correspondence

Councillors discussed the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document and agreed the Parish would welcome the government advice on shared equity.

The Parish Clerk informed that a grant fund request letter was received from the organisers of the Romsey Festival in 2020 and read the letter to the councillors.

Resolved:

That a grant of £200 be offered to the Romsey Festival 2020.

31 Public questions

None received.

32 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

33 Borough and County member reports

The Chairman informed that the Bulb planting event is going to take place in November on Katrine Crescent. Schools will be informed about the date.

Councillors were informed that a complaint regarding safety concerns of the placement of the van when watering the hanging baskets was received from a resident. It was decided that the hanging baskets at the two roundabouts at Katrine Crescent are removed.

Councillors noted there has been an anonymous letter of complaint about over growth posted in the Valley Park Voice. The County and Borough Councils are responsible for the land owned by them, but they are not responsible for the growth around people's houses who are on a private land. Woodland Trust have been contacted to cut back their vegetation above Brendoncare and the school signs on Knightwood Road have now been cutback and are visible.

Councillors were informed about a motion to the Full Council, proposed by Cllr Phil North and seconded by Cllr Celia Dowden.

The aspects of the motion were presented to the councillors:

i. That the Council declare a 'Climate Change Emergency in Test Valley' and commit to investigating clear and effective options to become a carbon-neutral organisation.

ii. That the Council invite the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to establish a cross-party working group comprising Council Officers and Members (including the Environmental Portfolio Holder), with a remit to draw together the existing work of the Council in reducing the impacts of climate change and develop an action plan that identifies the steps the Council can take to achieve carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

iii. That the working group be requested to provide their draft recommendations within six months.

iv. That the Council work with our communities and partners to identify opportunities for making the Borough carbon neutral.

Councillors agreed that all levels of government have a duty to limit negative impacts on climate breakdown.

34 Planning Applications

19/02058/FULLS

Erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/dining area
2 Bere Close, SO53 4QU

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

19/02031/FULLS

Construction of single storey extension to kitchen and erection of new fencing
to the side of property
2 Basing Way, Chandler's Ford

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Apologies for October Parish meeting were received from Cllr C Anderson.

Signed:

Dated:
