

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 4 September 2023 at 7.00pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mr C Anderson (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mr J Fryer
Cllr Mr S Shahi
Cllr Mr S Cross
Cllr Mrs D Green
Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend

Apologies: Cllr Mr R Bryan

Action

12 Presentation Test Valley Community Energy – Laura Wilson

Laura Wilson presented the community energy project and councillors asked questions at the end.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council support promoting the scheme and will place information on the parish website and newsletter.

13 Karima Smith – Pollinator Project Officer – Hampshire Countryside Service

Karima Smith discussed with the governors about the pollinator pledge and setting up the network for that.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council support promoting the pollinator project and will place information on the parish website and newsletter.

14 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan.

15 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

16 Minutes of the meetings held 12th June 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 12th June 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

17 Matters Arising

18 Updates

7.1 Full fiber broadband – Toob

Councillors were informed that the work to install the full fiber broadband by Toob has commenced earlier than planned in Valley Park.

7.2 Probation unpaid work

Councillors discussed and agreed to inform Pete Legg at TVBC, about using staff for maintenance work in some Valley Park areas.

7.3 Welcome board signs

The locations for the welcome boards were discussed and it was agreed that a meeting with Hampshire Highways and Test Valley Borough Council representatives will take place.

7.4 Wood Fair

Following concerns expressed from Valley Park residents that the Wood Fair has not been taken place in Valley Park for a few years, Cllr Dowden confirmed he was going to ask the question at the full council.

19 Public questions

None

20 Correspondence

A complaint was received about the planting on Skyswood Road. The Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Councils are currently in discussions about the planting.

A letter requesting funding for the Community Project Officer role was received from Valley Park Community Association.

Resolved that: a grant from Community Councillor Fund will be awarded for this role and another grant from the County Councillor Fund.

21 Accounts

The Clerk informed councillors of the accounts received since the last meeting.

Resolved:

That the accounts are approved.

22 Borough Report

Cllr A Dowden informed the councillors that he had complained about lack of policing and the police commissioner responded confirming they were aware of ongoing issues and that a team would be sent out.

An update was given to the councillors regarding the decimation strip along Knightswood Road by Southern Water. A plan to reinstate the nature conservation was agreed between Test Valley and Southern Water.

Cllr C Anderson raised a concern of the speed limit on a dangerous part of Castle Lane.

Resolved that:

Clerk to contact Cllr Adams-King and Hampshire Highways to report that.

Councillors were informed that the 20mph zone decision was postponed.

23 Planning Applications

The were no planning applications to be reviewed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____