

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.00pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

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

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs S Bates, Cllr Mr C Thom and Cllr Mr S Cross

Action

43 Declarations of interests

None

44 Minutes of the meetings held on 14th October 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

45 Matters Arising

Councillors noted that the advert from McDonald has been taken down.

Cllr Dowden informed that he met with Places for People Leisure to further discuss the increase in tennis court fees. Councillors were informed that Knightwood Tennis Club has currently 50% discount of the court fees and this would continue to help increase participation within those hard to reach groups.

46 To receive and consider correspondence

None

47 Public questions

None received.

48 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

49 Borough and County member reports

It was reported that the bollards at the cycle way in Raglan Close has no reflective strip and may represent a hazard for cyclists in the dark. Councillors agreed for this to be reported to the Borough and proposed that reflective strip be fitted.

It was reported that following the robbery at the local Pharmacy, Cllr Dowden discussed with the owner and agreed that the Parish would write a letter to Cranbury Estates requesting that the hedges are cut lower for security and sensor lights are installed. Cllr Dowden also suggested that installing shutters would also increase security.

Councillors agreed at the Finance meeting that the precept will increase by 2.5%. This amount was raised to support more grants. It was proposed that £1,000 would be allocated from our Reserves to contribute towards a treasurer salary for Valley Park Community Association if needed, as VPCA is not able to use any of their grants obtained towards revenue costs.

It was reported that the new Fish and Chips shop to be open in Valley Park would also like to serve breakfast. The new owners are happy to install a litter bin outside of the shop.

Cllr Dowden reported that he put a motion to Test Valley Borough Council requesting to write to the central government to urge that funding for concessionary bus fares is significantly increased so that £652 million annual funding gap is addressed.

50 Planning Applications

19/02599/TPOS

T1 Birch – Fell

Edge of Linear Woodland Adjacent Unit 24

Resolved:

That no objection be made subject to approval from Arboricultural Officer.

19/02570/FULLS

Single storey rear extension to form extended living accommodation

2 Beaumaris Close, SO53 4PU

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

19/02638/FULLS

Single storey rear extension

11 Thetford Gardens, SO53 4RN

Resolved:

That no comment be made.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Signed:

Dated:
