

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9 November 2020 at 7.00pm
Location: Video Conference Zoom**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mr C Anderson
Cllr Mr S Cross
Cllr Mr R Bryan
Cllr Mr C Thom
Cllr Mrs S Bates
Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mrs D Green

Apologies for absence:

Action

35 Declarations of interests
None on the agenda.

36 Minutes of the meeting held 12th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed electronically by the Chairman.

37 Matters Arising
None.

38 Next year's projects: hanging baskets and poppies appeal

Councillors were informed that a suggestion from a resident was received for a poppies display in Valley Park. Councillors debated this proposal and in general agreed that it is a good idea to support the British Legion and for Valley Park residents to be able to commemorate and pay tribute. A statement informing about the reason and rationale of this project will be drafted by councillors.

Councillors discussed about the hanging baskets display for next year and agreed for the hanging baskets not to be displayed on Templars Way, small roundabouts or in areas where they cannot be clearly seen and to reduce the number of baskets to 200.

39 Youth Concerns

Councillors were informed that local associations along with Places Leisure and representatives from borough council met and discussed a proposal for Youth Options (a youth engagement charitable organisation) to appoint an Events

Manager at the community centre and for him to work with the parish council, Test Valley Borough Council and Knightwood Leisure Centre to organise activities and events for families and the youth in Valley Park.

Cllr Dowden proposed that the Parish support this initiative and contribute £4,000 towards this programme. All councillors were in agreement.

40 To receive and consider correspondence

The Clerk informed that an objection to a planning application was received, which was forwarded to the Planning Committee for consideration.

An email was received with a request to support a RSPCA motion to help ensure people can enjoy fireworks responsibly while mitigating potentially significant animal welfare problems for pets, horses, farm animals and wildlife.

The councillors agreed that the Environmental Protection advice and guidance for safety procedures regarding fireworks be posted on the Parish Council's website at the beginning of October.

41 Public questions

None received.

42 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

43 Borough and County member reports

Councillors were informed about Cllr Celia Dowden's motion to object to the proposed Future of Planning White Paper. This was to place a motion before the Full Test Valley Borough Council in order to urge the Government to rethink its planning strategy, which was later supported by the Borough Council.

Councillors were concerned of the huge financial impact on the Borough & County Council due to Covid-19. The government promised to fully recompense councils. However, this promise has to date not been delivered.

Councillors were informed that the Andover Centre and Romsey projects are going ahead and will impact positively on town centres.

Cllr Dowden informed that he granted £1,000 to the North Baddesley food bank from his county councillor grant.

44 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee discussed the following applications:

- 20/02518/FULLS - 1 Warwick Close:
Parking/Highways: Following the proposed development the property would have 4 bedrooms, requiring 3 parking spaces to meet residential minimal

parking standards (Policy T2 and Annex G). Since the last application the planning committee has been made aware that a construction business is operated from the premises whereby, in the evenings and weekends, commercial vehicles/equipment are parked on the driveway, restricting the space available for private vehicles. In view of these parking considerations and potential impact on adjoining highways it is requested that a highways officer visit the site out of hours to clarify.

Scale: The Parish Council is concerned that the proposed building development would dominate the original building in scale (when considering both of the proposed extensions), rather than being subsidiary to it, contrary to the requirements of the local plan (Policy E1, Para 7.12).

- 20/02531/FULLS - 3 Dee Close: The Parish Council requests that TVBC confirm ownership of the land and, if owned by the applicant, establish whether any covenants are in place that prevent or restrict the erection or repositioning of boundary fences/walls. A concern has been raised with the Parish Council regarding the capture of green open space in Valley Park and its consequent impact on the character of the area and amenity for its residents.
- 20/02740/FULLS - 20 Hornbeam Road: Replace existing bay window with single storey front extension with canopy, and replacement window and cladding. "No Comment".

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____