

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.00pm
Location: Video Conference Zoom**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mrs D Green
Cllr Mr C Anderson
Cllr Mr R Bryan
Cllr Mr C Thom

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mr S Cross, Cllr Mrs S Bates, Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend

The meeting started at 7.02pm.

A 2-minute silence was observed to mark the death and pay the respects to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Action

73 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

74 Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 8th March 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed electronically by the Chairman.

75 Matters Arising

75.1 Noticeboard update

Councillors were informed that the notice boards were ordered and would arrive around 10th May.

75.2. Hanging baskets update

Councillors were informed that all necessary approvals for the hanging baskets were obtained.

Councillors agreed to donate a grant of £250 to the World Wildlife Charity UK on behalf of Valley Park residents in the memory of Duke of Edinburgh.

Resolved:

That the Parish Clerk will arrange donations as approved by the Council.

Councillors raised concerns about littering in Valley Park, especially in the Knightwood Leisure area.

Councillors congratulated the two children from Knightwood Primary School who voluntarily decided to go for litter picking in the area and were seen by other

residents. This initiative was also commended by Test Valley Borough Council. Councillors recognized that there are many residents who look after the neighbourhood and are often seen litter picking.

The proposed day for the Litter Picking Event was agreed to be Saturday, May 29th 2021.

Resolved:

That Cllr Thom arrange for the event details to be advertised in Valley Park Voice.

Cllr Dowden informed that the Youth workers discussed with some youngsters in Valley Park who suggested a roof shelter and seating next to the skate park. Cllr Dowden suggested that the youngsters should have ownership of the project and can raise funds for it. It was agreed that Parish can support this project.

Councillors agreed that the May meeting be postponed to 17 May 2021. It was discussed that the meeting may need to be face-to-face if the current legislation does not change.

76 Councillor Attendance Waiver – discussion and approval

Councillors discussed the disqualification provision as set out at Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to non-attendance due to a specific reason.

The Parish Council unanimously approved the reason due to illness of non-attendance of Cllr Simon Cross and granted an attendance waiver.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council approve the waiver of the 6-month attendance Rule provided for at section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Councillor S Cross due to illness for a period of six months to the 15th October 2021.

77 To receive and consider correspondence

The correspondence was noted and no follow up actions have been raised from that.

78 Public questions

None received.

79 Accounts

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

Resolved:

That the accounts be approved for payment.

80 Borough and County member reports

Cllr Dowden proposed that the Parish Council re-apply for the CIL bid for the tree planting project.

Resolved:

That a meeting with Test Valley BC officers be arranged to discuss the CIL Bid.

81 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee discussed and responded to the following applications:

21/00908/FULLS: Single storey extension to the rear – No Comment

21/00686/FULLS: Single storey rear extension – No Comment

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____