

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 1 November 2021 at 7.00pm  
Location: Zoom meeting**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mr S Cross, Cllr Mr C Thom, Cllr Mr C Anderson

**Action**

**26 Appointment of New Parish Councillor**

Andrew Beesley was appointed as Parish Councillor and accepted his position.

**27 Declarations of Interest**

**28 Minutes of the meeting held 4 October 2021**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed electronically by the Chairman.**

**29 Matters Arising**

Cllr Dowden informed that the BMX club was very thankful for the grant received from the Parish.

Councillors were informed that the cost as well as the size of the hanging baskets were increased and the baskets would be fully covered in plants. The baskets will not be hung in the shaded places or where those would not be completely visible. The troughs under the trees would not be planted with flowers, but would be filled with daffodils.

**30 To receive and consider correspondence**

The Parish Clerk informed councillors about an email received from u3a.

**31 Public questions**

None received.

**32 Accounts**

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

**Resolved:**

**That the accounts be approved for payment.**

### **33 Borough and County Councillor Reports**

Cllr Dowden informed that Mulberry Corner is closing down despite the efforts from Parish, Borough and County Council to save it.

Cllr Dowden informed that he attended an event to receive the Green Flag Award 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row for Valley Park Woodlands and offered thanks to Test Valley Woodland officers and Friends of the Park volunteers.

Councillors were informed that the Valley Park Community Association has changed their status and became charity and as a result all adverts outside of Valley Park Community Centre activities have to be paid to be published in the Valley Park Voice. The Parish has recently placed an advert for the poppies display.

Cllr Dowden informed that the event for planting oak trees with the Mayor of Test Valley took place earlier that day and involved both Valley Park schools. The Borough Council provided one oak tree and the Parish purchased the second tree.

Cllr Dowden informed that the Parish element of the council tax has been kept the lowest in Test Valley.

Cllr Dowden reported that the poppies have been put up the lamp posts on Knightwood Road.

### **34 Planning Applications**

Planning applications were reviewed by the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_