

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 29 January 2024 at 7.00pm
Location: Zoom online meeting**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Mr J Fryer, Cllr Mr S Shahi

Action

35 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Shahi and Cllr J Fryer.

36 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

37 Minutes of the meetings held 6th November 2023

Resolved that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

38 Matters Arising

Councillors raised concerns regarding the work carried out by contractors for introducing Toob fibre in Valley Park. Residents noted British Gas coming to fix a leak caused by Toob contractors.

Resolved that:

Clerk to write a letter to Toob and inform them of the damages and problems created by the contractors in Valley Park.

Another concern was raised about a trip hazard following work carried out by Virgin Media.

An update on the hanging baskets was provided by the clerk. Councilors were informed that the hanging baskets this summer would have a gel introduced in the baskets and bigger lining. Baskets will be up on Monday, 27th May.

An update on the welcome signs was provided by the Clerk. Councilors were informed that an answer is still expected from Hampshire Legal Services regarding the license for the welcome sign. The contractor gave a date for

installing the welcome signs for 16th February.

An update was given by the Parish Chairman regarding the DragonFly Power project. St Francis CoE Primary School and St Francis Church are very interested in the Solar Panel Scheme. A public meeting will be organised in Valley Park in the near future to get residents involved.

Resolved that:

Clerk to liaise with Dragonfly Power to organise a public meeting or exhibition event with Valley Park residents.

The Chairman informed that a leaflet regarding the local plan 2024 is going to be delivered to residents of Valley Park week commencing 5th February. The councillors will meet to provide a response.

39 To receive and consider correspondence

Residents asked for an update on the future of recycling from Test Valley Borough Council following their communication in 2021 and 2022 that more recycling options would be offered to residents from 2024.

Resolved that:

Clerk to request information from Test Valley Borough Council.

The Chairman informed that Knightwood Youth Club are in financial difficulty. It was agreed that they will be supported from the County Councillor grant and also supported by the Parish Council (£1,000).

40 Public questions

None

41 Accounts and assets register

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

Resolved that: Councillors approved the accounts.

The Clerk informed councillors that a number of items

42 Borough and County member reports

Councillors discussed the proposal for the Local Plan and how this would impact Valley Park. It was agreed that a leaflet to be sent to all residents to inform them about the proposed plan.

Cllr Dowden informed that following the flooding on School Lane, there is a plan to replace the pipes, with work commencing on 5th February.

43 Projects and Activities

43.1. Welcome boards

This item was discussed under Matters arising (item 38).

43.2. Bus shelter

The Clerk informed that the new bus shelter at Skys Wood Road for the Harvest Road bus stop will be installed by the end of February.

43.3. Dragonfly Roadshow

44 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee reviewed the planning applications.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____