

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 4 March 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 Mr R Bryan  
Cllr Mr C Anderson (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Mr J Fryer  
Cllr Mr S Shahi

**Apologies:**

Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend

**Action**

**45 Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend.

**46 Declarations of interests**

None on the agenda.

**47 Minutes of the meetings held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Resolved that:**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

**48 Matters Arising**

The Chairman informed that the investigation of the flooding in School Lane has shown that there is a lot of root damage in the pipe work and other pipes have collapsed and needed to be replaced.

**49 To receive and consider correspondence**

**50 Public questions**

None

**51 Accounts and asset register**

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

**Resolved that: Councillors approved the accounts.**

The Clerk informed councillors that the asset register has been reviewed and asked councillors to approve it.

**Resolved that: Councillors approved the updated asset register.**

## **52 Borough and County member reports**

Councillors were informed that the county council tax will go up by 5% and the borough council tax will go up just below 5% (4.99%) and no consultation was needed.

Councillors were informed that a response was received regarding the future of recycling, informing that the plans are reappraising and looking at all options following the changes announced by the Central Government.

Cllr C Dowden informed that one of the issues raised at the full council was about some of the recycling centres being closed.

Councillors discussed the draft local plan. The Valley Park Parish Council response was published in the spring edition of the parish newsletter, as well as social media and the parish website.

## **53 Projects and Activities**

### **53.1 Hanging baskets**

Councillors were informed that Eastleigh Borough Council are not going to provide watering of this summer's floral display. Quotes have been obtained from other organisations and councillors decided to withdraw with immediate effect from the current contract due to the inability of the current provider to secure a watering supplier. Councillors approved the quote from Window Flowers.

Councillors agreed that no compensation is to be given to the previous provider.

**Resolved that: The Clerk to approve and sign the contract for hanging baskets and troughs with Window Flowers and to inform the previous provider of the decision of terminating the contract.**

### **53.2. Welcome boards**

The Clerk informed that one welcome sign has been installed at the top of Knightwood Road. The second sign requires some soil removal, which would be organised with Test Valley Borough Council.

### **53.3. Bus shelter**

The Clerk informed that the new bus shelter at Skys Wood Road for the Harvest Road bus stop would be installed in due course.

### **53.4. Dragonfly Roadshow**

The Dragonfly Power roadshow took place at St Francis CoE Primary School. Residents who attended were interested into the thermal imaging survey.

**54 Planning Applications**

The Planning Committee reviewed the planning applications.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

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