

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9 September 2024 at 7.00pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Mr C Anderson (Vice Chair) and Cllr Mr J Fryer

Action

12 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr C Anderson and Cllr Mr J Fryer.

13 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

14 Minutes of the meetings held 10th June 2024

Resolved that:

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th June 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

15 Matters Arising

None

16 To receive and consider correspondence

Emails of appreciation for this summer floral displays were sent to the Parish Council by several residents.

17 Public questions

None

18 Accounts and asset register

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

Resolved that: Councillors approved the accounts.

19 Borough and County member reports

Cllr A Dowden informed that over the next few weeks, Hampshire County Councillors will examine what over 14,000 people said in the Future Services public consultation on how to balance the books, and the resulting proposals now

being put forward, including the potential impact on Hampshire residents. On 14 October, the County Council's Cabinet will take a final decision on where future savings should be made.

Cllr A Dowden informed that Rev Sarah McClelland is leaving the Parish. Councillors expressed their gratitude and appreciation to all her hard work within the community and thanked her for a tremendous contribution to the Church and our community. Councillors agreed for a gift voucher to be presented to the Reverend before her departure.

Resolved that:

Clerk to arrange for the gift voucher and a Thank you card to be purchased.

Cllr A Dowden informed that the Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council along with members of the maintenance team visited Valley Park. Cllr A Dowden highlighted the need of additional staff in the maintenance team to support all local activities. It was agreed that a business case will be put forward and it is expected that things will improve.

Cllr A Dowden raised awareness of two houses in Valley Park, which are partially resided and the concerns with the outgrow of the vegetation and brambles in those areas, which impacts on the neighbours' fences and houses. The County Council was notified and asked to resolve the situation.

Cllr A Dowden mentioned that more information on Regulation 18 on building extra houses in Test Valley will be received soon.

Councillors were informed that an informative sign about the Roman Road in Valley Park was discussed with the county archaeologist and it is being finalised before the panel is made and installed.

Councillors were informed that the following urban meadows will be removed from the programme:

- Verge on roundabout junction of Knightwood Road alongside Brendon Care
- Knightwood Road verge adjacent to balancing ponds
- Fairbairn Walk / Collings Close open space
- Linear route located off Shannon Way

Councillors were informed of some changes with the borough plan. Cllr C Dowden informed councillors about the event organised at Knightwood Skate Park and also changes in the leadership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

20 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee reviewed the planning applications.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____