

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 2 June 2025 at 7.20pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)
Cllr Mr C Anderson (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs C Dowden
Cllr Mr S Shahi
Cllr Mr R Bryan
Cllr Mr S Cross

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Fryer, Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend, Cllr Mrs D Green

Police Update and Report on antisocial behaviour:

Two members of the Romsey Neighbourhoods Policing Team – Hampshire Constabulary (our assigned PS Tristan Pugh and PCSO Jasper Bullard) attended the meeting and presented a report about antisocial behaviour and the community protection warnings, which have been issued to the perpetrators.

In response to a series of troubling incidents in Valley Park throughout March and April involving antisocial behaviour (ASB), public order offences, vandalism, intimidation and arson, a group of youths have been issued Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and Community Resolutions (CRs). There are reasons to believe this group is linked to multiple cases of arson, which understandably has caused the community huge concern and fear.

The conditions set out in the CPWs are aimed specifically at preventing any further acts of arson and restoring a sense of safety in the area. Parents of these youths and the youths themselves have been receptive to learning and change. The conditions of these CPWs include:

- They are not to attend Knightwood Leisure Centre
- They are not to attend Valley Park Community Centre
- They are not to commit any offences that may cause harassment, alarm or distress, such as setting fires, nuisance ringing/kicking doors, stealing, damaging property, writing abusive symbols or messages
- They are not to hang around in groups of more than 5 people (aged 16 and under) between the hours of 17:30 and 06:00
- They must attend a fire safety course

The CPWs will be reviewed in a period of 6 months after the date issues. Consequences of breaching a CPW:

If any of these conditions are breached, the individuals involved may be escalated to a Community Protection Notice (CPN).

A breach of a CPN is a criminal offence and may lead to court action, fines, or prosecution. These consequences highlight the seriousness with which Police are addressing this issue and behaviour.

Councillors thanked the police officers for their report and action taken to address these issues. Police officers were invited to attend other parish meetings to increase the links and engagement with the Parish Council.

Resolved:

That the Clerk will liaise with the designated police officers for Valley Park and invite them to two parish meetings per year.

Action

1 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr J Fryer, Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend, Cllr Mrs D Green.

2 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

3 Minutes of the meeting held 3rd March 2025

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising

5 Annual Governance Statement for 2024-2025

The Clerk submitted the Annual Governance Statement for approval.

Resolved:

That the Annual Governance Statements be approved and signed.

6 Annual Accounting Statements for 2024-2025

The Clerk submitted the Annual Accounting Statements for approval.

Resolved:

That the Annual Accounting Statements be approved and signed.

7 External Audit – declaration of interest BDO

No interests were declared in relation to BDO.

8 To receive and consider correspondence

It was noted that a group of travellers came in late May in Tweed Park playground area, where they encamped for one night. The Police and Test Valley Borough Council were promptly informed and measures have been taken to protect the area of further encampments.

9 Public questions

None.

10 Accounts

The Clerk informed councilors of the accounts received since the last meeting, including the invoice for the floral display 2025.

Resolved:

That the accounts are approved and invoices are paid.

Councillors discussed a possibility to employ a planning officer to deliver a specific project to the council. Councillors agreed the proposal in principle.

11 Programmes review for this year

11.1. Grounds maintenance

The Clerk presented the programme for grounds maintenance to the Council for approval. The cost of the programme for this year is £600.

Resolved:

That the programme of grounds maintenance is approved.

11.2. Speed signs

The Clerk presented the programme of deployment of the speed limit reminder signs to the Council for approval. The cost of the programme for this year is £1,765.

Resolved:

That the programme of deployment of the speed limit reminder signs is approved.

12 Planning Applications

The planning applications were reviewed and approved.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____