

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 8 September 2025 at 7.00pm
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 S Cross
Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend
Cllr Mrs D Green

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Fryer

Action

13 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr J Fryer.

The Chair opened the meeting with a minute of silence for Cllr Ray Bryan who had recently passed away.

14 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

15 Minutes of the meeting held 2nd June 2025

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

16 Matters Arising

None from the minutes.

17 To receive and consider correspondence

A number of emails expressing enthusiasm about our floral display were received from our residents.

A query about destroying the bus shelter on Wicklow Drive following the withdrawal of bus 46 was received. Councillors asked for the Clerk to respond to the query stating that the bus shelter will not be destroyed.

Resolved that: Parish Clerk to respond to the query.

18 Public questions

None.

19 Accounts

The Clerk informed councilors of the accounts received since the last meeting and read the outcome of the external audit.

Resolved:

That the accounts are approved.

20 Borough and County member reports

Cllr Dowden updated councillors with the recent discussions taking place about bus connections from Valley Park.

Cllr C Dowden informed that Test Valley are introducing the food waste collection in October.

Councillors discussed the current affairs regarding the local government review.

21 Planning Applications

The planning applications were reviewed and approved.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____