

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.30pm
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Action

22 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone at the meeting.

23 Declarations of interests

None on the agenda.

24 Minutes of the meetings held 8th September 2025

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

25 Matters Arising

Councillors were informed that a meeting with the county, borough, parish officers and the Community First representatives took place. The summary points from the meeting were discussed.

The Parish Clerk informed that an advert for the Parish Councillor vacancy resulted in no applications and the Council can co-opt a new councillor.

26 To receive and consider correspondence

The Parish Clerk informed about the letter that the councillors received from the Gladman regarding their proposal for the Flexford Road development.

Resolved that:

The Parish Clerk to inform Gladman that our Parish Chairman and Chair of Planning will meet to listen to the proposal in due course.

The Clerk read the correspondence received from a resident regarding the footbridge connecting the footpath and the railway bridge. It was noted that the work of the foot bridge is likely to start in Spring 2026 due to extensive documentation and approvals from the Environmental Agency.

27 Public questions

None

28 Accounts – ratification of budget approval

The Clerk informed councilors of the accounts received since the last meeting and the budget recommended by the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

Resolved:

That councillors approved the budget for next year as recommended by the Finance Committee and agreed for the precept to stay the same (£40,000). The accounts were approved.

29 Borough and County member reports

Cllr C Dowden presented an update about the local government reorganisation and informed councillors about a revised motion on the Recognising and protecting the rights of rivers in Test Valley. An update on a second motion on planning permissions was also given.

Councillors were informed that Valley Park Community Centre received a grant for smart heating and St Francis Church of England applied for a grant for lighting and £25k from Test Valley for solar panels.

30 Planning Applications

The current planning applications were reviewed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____