

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council Meeting held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 6 December 2010

Members Present: Cllr. Phil Duke, Cllr. John Page (Chairman), Cllr. Ian Richardson, Cllr. Stephen West

98. Apologies

Cllr. David Jarman
Cllr. Len Gates
County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Cllr. Janet Whiteley
Cllr. Phil North
Debbie Burgess

99. Public Questions not on the Agenda

None recorded.

100. Declarations of Interest

None recorded

101. To update on the inaugural LLPF Committee Meeting – 15 November 2010

Cllr. Stephen West provided a summary report on the inaugural meeting of the LLPF Committee meeting of 15 November 2010.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Stephen West, Seconded by Cllr. Phil Duke and unanimously agreed to approve the Terms of Reference for the LLPF Committee Meeting.

ACTION

It was considered important that a quote value for the newly installed Orbiter Space Frame be formally obtained for insurance and asset purposes. Members stated that as a result of the new equipment having been installed, an area now requires safety surface extension and the Parish Clerk was asked to obtain the definitive size from Wicksteed including obtaining the post-installation report. Cllr. Phil Duke stated he would take formal photographs as evidence of safety measures undertaken by the Parish Council.

102. To Read and Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 1 November 2010

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Stephen West and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

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In pursuance of Minute 85, Members reiterated their concerns with regard to speed limits and the extension thereof for the length of the playing field at Little London and felt it was important to be exact on the boundaries of the speed limits.

ACTION

Further to Minute 90, Members requested that the Parish Clerk present a suitable risk assessment and effectiveness of internal audit to the January Parish Council meeting.

It was noted that the subject of the BT Payphone Box adoption is on-going and subject to further investigation.

103. Correspondence Received

All previous correspondence had been circulated among councillors and no matters were raised.

104. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council

The Parish Clerk reported on the parish council accounts position. A notional account for the Playing Field has been created of £243.60 and this represents the difference between the income (£5,229.00, made up of LLPFA monies of £3,529.00 and £1,700.00 from Hampshire County Council) and the committed expenditure of £4,985.40 for the play equipment from Wicksteed Limited.

There was one payment due, that of the Parish Clerk's salary amounting to £120.00, which included the NETT amount less 20% Basic Rate. It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Stephen West unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment as listed amounting to £120.00. Motion Carried.

The Parish Clerk advised members of the importance of having a formal investment strategy and to maximise interest.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate and devise a suitable investment strategy for consideration at the January Parish Council meeting.

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105. To determine Planning Applications

The current plans were being circulated among members. None recorded at this meeting.

It was reported that Members have been advised that Test Valley Borough Council policy regarding S106 developer's contributions is that S106 monies arising from land within the MDA site may be available to the Parish Council but S106 monies arising from parcels of land not originally included in the MDA are not available to the Parish Council.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Test Valley Borough Council and request a formal statement on the Borough Council's policy regarding Section 106 Developer's Contributions for clarification.

106. To provide an update to Cinder Path Works

Members were aware that agreed works have not yet commenced.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain an update on the latest position and to feedback at the January Full Council meeting.

107. To receive a report from the Smannell & Enham Primary School

Anne-Marie Jones reported to the meeting that the hut has been sold and that monies arising from this sale will be going to the school. Concerns have been raised regarding the parking and driving around the school and police have been acting incognito to monitor and evaluate the situation in the interests of health and safety. The school nativity will take place on 7 December 2010 at 2.00pm and carols around the tree will take place at the school on 17 December 2010.

108. Borough and County Council Reports

In the absence of Borough Cllr. Len Gates, his prepared report was read to Members. It was stated that there is no news on (a) diversion of Smannell Road or (b) opening of community centre in Augusta Park both discussed last month.

On Augusta Park, Cllr. Len Gates is dealing with a number of issues raised by local residents including a review of parking controls, several cars are parked dangerously on corners or obstructing thoroughfares and improvements to signage, some

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roads/walks e.g. Pasture Walk are badly sign posted and provision of facilities for pre-school children.

Cllr. Len Gates has also asked for urgent action to be taken to repair the section of Smannell Road between the junction of Icknield Way and Cricketers Way.

109. Councillors Questions

A discussion ensued regarding parking and the fact that a new temporary landlord is currently at The Oak pub who is there for a month and new people are scheduled to take over permanently in January. Members felt it was a good idea that a meeting be scheduled with Julie Winning (Headteacher – Smannell & Enham School), the landlord as well as the police and others. It was suggested this happened as soon as possible with the temporary landlord and then again with the new permanent one.

Cllr. Phil Duke stated he was prepared to be involved with the immediate meeting.

ACTION

Anne-Marie Jones stated she would e-mail Julie Winning and ask her to liaise with Cllr. Phil Duke to organise a meeting.

The Chairman made reference to the suggestion that the Parish Council considers the adoption of a bus shelter at Augusta Park. Members felt this needed to be considered very carefully and needed more detail.

Members raised the matter of the lack of gritting and grit bin provision at Augusta Park and that it was essential that the road network needs to be adopted by Hampshire County Council at the earliest opportunity.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was requested to e-mail Keith Thompson regarding the lack of gritting treatment and grit bins at Augusta Park.

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 5 January 2011.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.02 hours.