

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT THE SMANNELL AND
ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Simon Jackson, Cllr. Dini Thorne

In attendance: County Cllr. Tim Rolt
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Borough Cllr. Phil North

454. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Tim Bilborough
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
Cllr. Cyril Loveridge
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

**455. PRESENTATION – RAY ALBOROUGH (TEST VALLEY BOROUGH
COUNCIL – SENIOR TRANSPORT ENGINEER) – SMANNELL
ROAD/AUGUSTA PARK MATTERS**

The Chairman welcomed Ray Alborough to the meeting who addressed the Parish Council and members of the public. Prior to his address, Borough Cllr. Phil North outlined the background to the issue and the traffic problems being experienced especially for residents and around the school. He stated that the road in and out of Augusta Park has been under scrutiny for some considerable time and there have been many discussions with the developers.

Ray Alborough introduced a plan, which essentially includes a proposal for double yellow lines on the main through route to the school as well as the diverted Smannell Road and significant parking restrictions. He advised those present that to finalise the yellow lines must be backed up by agreed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). The plan includes gaps in the yellow lines to allow for parking of approximately five cars. He explained that following checks on speed through the area, it has been proved that speeds are being adhered to.

The needs of the school have been considered in the traffic management plans that have been drawn up. Ray Alborough explained that no planning application for details for the reserved matters for the area have been received to date. He also advised that any final agreed scheme would be delayed as there are at least 16 /17 other schemes that need to be addressed prior to work being carried out for the Smannell Road proposal.

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Members of the public commented as to the logic of placing a main road through a residential block and that through plan searches in purchasing property, no mention was made of the plan to place a road through the area. Issues of road safety, pedestrian safety and environmental pollution i.e air, noise and light pollution, along with emergency services response times and accessibility, were the main concerns aired. Solutions suggested were to retain the Icknield Way through to the Andover/Newbury road possibly as a single carriageway with a new single carriageway on the other side of the hedge back from the Andover/Newbury road on to the estate.

The issue of timescale and implementation of any agreed proposal presented a significant concern and that timescales needed to be reduced. It was explained that political pressure can be brought to bear to reduce the times involved.

The presentation concluded with Ray Alborough inviting the public to email him with suggestions and any alternatives to the proposal at engineering@testvalley.gov.uk. There was broad agreement to the proposal presented but Members felt improvements could be made to the scheme.

Members felt that more imagination was needed as regarded the proposal to alleviate the problem and felt strongly that the police need to monitor and ticket obstructors along the road. The Parish Clerk was asked to approach the police and request that such monitoring is undertaken.

County Cllr. Tim Rolt was requested to investigate with Hampshire County Council the feasibility of reinstating the original road along the Smannell Road and to report back to the next meeting.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to contact the police to request that monitoring of any necessary ticketing for obstructors along the Smannell Road/Augusta Park is carried out.

County Cllr. Tim Rolt to enquire with traffic officers at Hampshire County Council as to the feasibility of reinstating the original road along the Smannell Road.

Councillors requested to exert maximum pressure to have parking restrictions on Smannell Road agreed and implemented as soon as possible, but certainly much less than the two years mentioned.

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456. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PROVISION OF AN IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT EAST ANTON

Ray Alborough sought the views and opinions of those present with regard to the possibility of the provision of an improved pedestrian link between the village and the new development at East Anton. He indicated on a plan that through S106 Developers Contributions that Hampshire County Council would pay for a footpath link through the village to the edge of the new development. It would be a gio-grid plastic system, reinforced with earth and at the same time the green verges would be examined.

A debate ensued on the issues of retaining the rural/urban gap and features of the area and that it was felt there was no compelling need for such proposed works. No final decision was made on this matter and a mixed view on the potential proposal was received.

457. TO DISCUSS UPDATE TO SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

The Chairman provided an update to a meeting held on 28th August 2013 at Test Valley Borough Council regarding a review of Smannell Parish Council boundary due to the development of Augusta Park.

The Parish Council has been advised that there will be a Boundary Commission review in Test Valley because of the new building in Augusta Park, Picket Piece and Picket Twenty. This is a change, originally there was going to be a review and this was subsequently changed.

Their review will cover both borough ward boundaries and parish boundaries. The review, which will have an initial meeting towards the end of the year, is to take place in 2014 but will not be implemented until after the TVBC and Smannell PC elections. The views of local people would be sought in such a review.

A petition from "local people", in line with the Guidance on Local Governance Reviews, would trigger a review by the Borough but there is a potential that TVBC could see that it has little merit and could be costly (if Andover would need to be asked if the review felt that Augusta Park could be part of Andover) and not give it much of a chance - preferring to await the Boundary Commission review.

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The Enham Alamein Parish Council has 1/5th/1/6th of Augusta Park and this would naturally have to be considered coupled with preserving the rural/urban frontier.

458. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public expressed his concern as to rockets being let off in Little London. Members agreed that a report needs to be placed in the Parish Oak, which the Chairman offered to write.

ACTION

The Chairman to write an article for the Parish Oak concerning the issue of letting rockets off.

A member of the public remarked that the white lines require renewing in Little London at the A343 going to Green Lane/Frenches Farm Lane entrance to Little London. In addition, at the bottom of Big Street in Little London, there are no white lines. County Cllr. Tim Rolt offered to chase this with Hampshire County Council.

ACTION

County Cllr. Tim Rolt to enquire with Hampshire County Council for the reinstatement of white lines at the locations specified.

459. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

460. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JUNE 2013

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

The actions arising from the previous Minutes were discussed and updated.

In pursuance of Minute 446, County Cllr. Tim Rolt will be writing to the Duty Inspector at Andover police with regard to the pros and cons of methods of deterring speeding traffic.

Cllr. Simon Jackson updated members in accordance with Minute 449 and advised that he has chased the essential maintenance that requires undertaking at the play area on three separate occasions and will continue to do so. With regard to firework training, places are limited but this is being pursued. With reference to Minute 450, the works are anticipated to be carried out in due course.

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461. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The matter of dog bins at the Smannell end of the Cinder track was deferred to the October Full Council meeting.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to ensure that the matter of dog bins at the Smannell end of the Cinder Track be an agenda item at the October Full Council meeting.

462. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

The finance schedule detailing the expenditure of the Parish Council was circulated and considered by Members. It was Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment finance schedule as prescribed.

463. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE BDO AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR END 31 MARCH 2013 TO THE ACCOUNTS

The Parish Clerk reported on the audit report received from the external auditors (BDO), which highlighted a minor error of not having ticked the 'no' box as regards the question of any trust funds being held by the Parish Council. Other than this comment, the external auditors have signed the accounts and returned an unqualified audit. It was Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to accept the BDO audit report for the financial year end 31 March 2013. Motion Carried.

464. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LLPF COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITIES

Cllr. Simon Jackson reported that he has been chasing the groundworks quotation to relay protective matting at the Little London Play Area.

He reported that a meeting will be held soon to organise and consider the forthcoming bonfire night and Christmas Lights. There are plans to undertake the fireworks in-house rather than paying a contractor and consideration will be given to finding a different firework location.

465. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered planning applications 13/01719/FULLN and 13/01869/LBWN. Members unanimously agreed to return a No Objection for planning application 13/01719/FULLN but planning

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Application 13/01869/LBWN was deferred until the Chairman had chance to examine the plans and a delegated decision could be made.

**466. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SMANNELL & ENHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

No report received.

467. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

No Borough or County Council reports received as these were stated earlier in the meeting.

468. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12 hours.