

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE SMANNELL  
PARISH COUNCIL OF 16 APRIL 2012 HELD AT THE SMANNELL &  
ENHAM, CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

**AP1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Simon Jackson  
Cllr. Dini Thorne  
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook  
Borough Cllr. Phil North  
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley  
County Cllr. Pam Mutton

**AP2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**AP3. TO RECEIVE THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. Rod Bowker gave his retiring Chairman's report to those in attendance at the meeting.

The Parish Council's Chairman, John Page, resigned in January as he was moving to France. The Parish Council wrote to him thanking him for his services. Cllr. Rod Bowker was elected Chairman in his place.

The high speed broadband project came to fruition with the service now operating in Little London where the standard telephone wire infrastructure was most inadequate. The system is planned to go live in Smannell in April. The parish website is now being managed by our Parish Clerk.

A common document has been agreed with Enham Alamein Parish Council and Andover Town Council which states the opinion that the Augusta Park Development area would be better served by being in Andover rather than in Enham Alamein and Smannell parishes. It would then be requested by each of the councils that the Boundaries Commission reviews the boundaries at the next opportunity.

The more important items of planning consent have been for the Augusta Park Development. No objections have been made by Smannell Parish Council.

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that it does not need a secondary school in the development (planned for the Finkley railway arch area) and the developer has started planning work on applying to build housing in the area.

The playing fields pavilion has been approved with our council keeping close relations with planners to see that detailed development will not inconvenience the villages.

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A further package of land in the development area has gone for detailed planning consent. The package is adjacent to Ickniel Way north of the currently developed area. Test Valley Borough Council has published their Core Strategy Document. It envisages no major development in the parish until 2030. The Parish Council has written to Test Valley Borough Council asking them to consider making the field between the Augusta Park development and Finkley into a "Local Gap". It is understood that this is unlikely as they consider that the field is not directly facing Finkley.

The Little London Playing Field held a Music-in-the-Park event and a Fireworks Night. Both events made a small profit and Cllr. Rod Bowker is Chairman.

A Queen's Jubilee Committee has been established with Cllr. Sam Jackson as Chairman with a number of parishioners as members. The committee is now planning events. For insurance reasons the committee is a sub-committee of the Parish Council and the Parish Council will help supervise the events particularly for health and safety reasons. Nevertheless, the Parish Council will supervise the work of the Jubilee Committee with a light touch.

**AP4. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 18 APRIL 2011**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Seconded by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**AP5. TO AGREE AND APPROVE THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2011**

This agenda item was deferred until the May Full Council meeting.

**AP6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

None received.

**AP7. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

None received.

**AP8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members stated these would be arranged.

**AP9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.40 hours.

