

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THE SMANNELL
PARISH COUNCIL LED ON 14 APRIL 2015 AT THE SMANNELL &
ENHAM, CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. Dini Thorne

In attendance:

County Cllr. Tim Rolt
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

AP1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None recorded.

AP2. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Phil North

AP3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

AP4. TO RECEIVE THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

'The development of Augusta Park has continued with an area to the south being developed. Approval has been given to developing the site for housing previously identified for a secondary school but for which Hants CC say is no longer needed. A third request for approval has recently been made for the development of a Northern Area Centre, the latest approval has a more pleasing appearance. Views of Augusta Park residents will be ascertained. More areas have been planted with trees and areas planted in previous years are showing satisfactory growth. Parking on the dog-leg and up to Endeavour School has been reduced though not, unfortunately, eliminated. Contact is continuing with TVBC regarding the making of an allotment in Augusta Park.

The Parish Council has proposed to TVBC and Hants CC that there should be improved pedestrian safety on Smannell Road between Augusta Park and the centre of Smannell. Sections of gravel or grassed footways were recommended by bends in the road.

The summer fete for Little London Playing Fields was spoilt by bad weather being very disappointing particularly for those who had undertaken the work to make the event happen led by Linn and Sam Jackson. Firework night was outstandingly successful at the pub. Tom and Victoria are to be thanked for agreeing to the venue. Grass cutting at the playing fields has been satisfactory with Enham Trust now doing the work.

The council's financial position remains strong with precept income high due to the increasing number of homes in Augusta Park whilst

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expenditure in the Park is low as it is still under developer's care. A grant of £5,000 is under consideration to the Trustees of Augusta Park Community Association to help finance the cost of setting up the new Community Centre. The building is not complete and awaiting formal handover from the developer to TVBC. The Community Association will then outfit and run the Centre and the Temporary Centre will be vacated.

The council has agreed an outline proposal to install three defibrillators in the parish, in Little London, Smannell and at the new Augusta Park Community Centre. This followed a suggestion from Bill Whitmore, a parish resident.

The new woodland between Augusta Park and Woodhouse has been planted with very young saplings and will take some years to mature but the project is very much welcomed and will be a great benefit to those in the Parish'.

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

This item was deferred for a full report to be given at the Full Council meeting following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Assembly.

AP7. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

None received.

AP8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis on the first Monday of the month.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.30 hours.