

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 3 MARCH 2014 AT THE SMANNELL AND ENHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

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

In attendance: Borough Cllr. Phil North

495. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Simon Jackson
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
County Cllr. Tim Rolt
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

496. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None recorded.

497. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

498. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2014

The Chairman sought updates from the various action points arising from the previous Minutes, which had all been sanctioned and carried out.

Members expressed their concerns as to signage and gritting requirements for the road leading up to the school and East Anton Farm Lane, which is the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. The Parish Clerk was asked to draw this attention to Dan Castle at Taylor Wimpey for action.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to write to Dan Castle asking him for signage and gritting undertaking for the road leading up to the school and East Anton Farm Lane.

At this point of the agenda, the Parish Clerk advised members of County Cllr Tim Rolt's report.

'Though I requested it shortly after the last Smannell Parish Council meeting, the soakway at Woodhouse Lane still hasn't been emptied. Keith Thompson said that they would get a jetter up there as soon as possible and sends his apologies but as you can imagine, they are overwhelmed with all the groundwater related problems at the moment. As for the three lamp standards holding up the adoption of the road up to the school and other roads around, I am still awaiting news of where they are located, in order to mitigate the concern the Chairman has

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about them being placed in a place that residents do not want. I will pass on the information as soon as I receive it'.

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

499. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence list previously circulated was considered and noted by Members

The Parish Clerk reminded members that the Test Valley Borough Council Revised Local Plan consultation deadline is on 7 March 2014. Members agreed to respond to the document expressing support for Policy E3 and paragraphs 7.26, 7.27, 7.28 and 7.29.

500. 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. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment finance schedule as prescribed. Motion Carried.

501. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF DOG BINS

Members considered the information regarding the various dog bin packages available obtained by Borough Cllr. Phil North.

Augusta Park Community Association are keen to put in 3 additional bins at locations 3, 4 & 6 marked on an accompanying map around Augusta Park. Test Valley Borough Council is happy with the positioning of 3 & 4 but location 6 requires confirmation and approval. The Borough Council is happy to pay for the installation costs.

Members unanimously agreed to sanction the provision of all 3 leaving location 6 to be confirmed by Test Valley Borough Council. The Parish Council agreed to purchase 3 of the green wheeled plastic bins plus stanchions (the dual purpose bin). The overall cost amounting to £435.00 plus VAT.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to place orders for three dog bins at the agreed locations of 3 and 4 and at location 6 subject to the agreement of Test Valley Borough Council at a cost of £435.00 plus VAT.

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

None received.

503. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk advised of one planning application (14/00328/FULLN) for a flat roofed front extension to an existing garage at 'Ridgewood', Frenches Farm, Little London. Members unanimously agreed to return No Objection.

504. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Chairman commented on the gravity of a number of pot holes around Smannell citing especially Smannell Road. He stated that there is a serious pot hole in Frenches Lane that still has not been completed and needs at the very least an interim measure. Members agreed that for narrow roads around Smannell, the pot holes are large and dangerous. The Parish Clerk was requested to chase Hampshire County Council for immediate remedial work to the serious pot hole along Frenches Lane as it is narrow and dangerous leading to living stables and receives significant usage.

Members also cited a deep pot hole opposite the school on the side of the road to Little London, which requires urgent reinstatement.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to report to Hampshire County Council the appalling condition of several pot holes along Frenches Farm Lane, one pothole across the road from the school gate and the sunken verge along the side of the road between Smannell and Little London and to request urgent works.

505. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SMANNELL & ENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CONSIDER ELECTION OF NOMINATED SCHOOL GOVERNOR

In the absence of Anne-Marie Jones, the Parish Clerk advised members of her prepared report.

'As you may be aware, Mrs Winning is retiring at the end of the Summer term after 6 years as Headteacher. She will be greatly missed and we have benefited from her leadership and experience. We are currently going through the recruitment process to find her successor to start in September.

The Community Lunch will be held on the 7th March 2014, which will be followed by the Fair Trade coffee & tea afternoon. All welcome to attend but please call the school to book your place.

We will be having World Book Day when the children will be dressing

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up as book characters for a donation towards new library books. Year 6 children will be taking part in a 'Plant for the Planet' workshop at Portway Stadium. In a nutshell, Plant for the Planet is a UN Environment programme governed by a board of trustees aged 8-14 and aims to empower children to take a lead in promoting climate justice and mitigating climate change through tree planting. The workshop trains children as Climate Justice Ambassadors and year 6 are very excited to be part of this.

Children, staff and parents of Smannell and Enham Church of England Primary School are committed to fulfilling their motto 'To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy', through making a difference to the lives of other children both far and near. Each year they raise a significant amount of money for their chosen charities. In the Autumn term 2013 alone they raised £1100 for NSPCC & Childline by taking part in sponsored maths and sporting events; received donations of £167.62 at their Nativity Services for Sebastian's Action Trust and raised £107 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Most recently, in early February, the school held a UNICEF Day for Change where the children raised £192.95. They could wear their own clothes in return for a donation of a pre-loved toy or book which were then sold. They also saved up 1p and 2p pieces and "filled a snakes tummy" drawn on the school playground'.

The Parish Clerk advised members that the school seeks a nomination for a school governor and that Anne-Marie Jones wishes to be considered for a re-election nomination. Members unanimously agreed to her nomination but requested that a report should be made at every Parish Council meeting. Members were advised that the vacancy as Headteacher of the Smannell & Enham Primary School is shortly to be advertised with interviews in the first week in April with an envisaged start in September.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to write to Anne-Marie Jones informing her that are pleased for her to continue but request that she sends a brief report of one or two lines (but more if needed) to each council meeting.

506. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Borough Cllr. Phil North commenced his report with the matter of the purchase of dog bins that was discussed in an earlier agenda item. He reminded members of the consultation expiry date (7 March 2014) of the Test Valley Borough Council Revised Local Plan, which was discussed previously. The consultation regarding Section 106 community development projects was discussed and members felt that they have in the recent past advised Test Valley Borough Council of its future intentions. Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would check what is expected or required from Test Valley Borough Council and advise

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accordingly. He also reported that the Council tax for Test Valley Borough Council has been frozen for the financial year 2014/2015.

ACTION

Borough Cllr. Phil North to enquire with Test Valley Borough Council regarding the need to respond to the consultation on Section 106 community projects and advise.

507. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr. Richard Budge commented on the amount of rubbish blown across from the new part of the development and that this requires clearing by the developers (Taylor Wimpey).

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to advise Dan Castle (Taylor Wimpey) that rubbish has been blown across from the new part of the development and that this requires clearing.

Cllr. Richard Budge also enquired as to whose responsibility it is to sweep country roads. Borough Cllr. Phil North offered to investigate routes maintenance with Test valley Borough Council and report back.

ACTION

Borough Cllr. Phil North to investigate responsibility for sweeping country roads and investigate routes maintenance and report back.

The Chairman commented that the new noticeboard at Little London is locked with Cllr. Simon Jackson having the key to it. In addition, the noticeboard is looking tatty with the varnish deteriorating and that it requires attention.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.24 hours and that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on 12 May 2014.