

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 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. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. Dini Thorne

**In attendance:** County Cllr. Tim Rolt  
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

**469. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Tim Bilborough  
Cllr. Nick Kinloch  
Borough Cllr. Phil North  
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

**470. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None recorded.

**471. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**472. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 9 SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Chairman sought updates from the various action points arising from the previous Minutes. Under Minute 455, the Parish Clerk confirmed that he had approached the PCSO and the police with regard to ticketing for obstructors, however, no confirmation has been received. Still under Minute 455, County Cllr. Tim Rolt reported that he has asked traffic officers as to the feasibility of reinstating the original road along the Smannell Road and has been advised that the road was broken up. Cllr. Phil North in a written statement was able to advise that the parking restrictions on Smannell Road may come into operation within a year.

Under Minute 458, County Cllr. Tim Rolt has pursued traffic officers for the reinstatement of white lines at the locations identified.

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

**473. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to a response received from Bellway dated 8 October 2013, as a result of a letter sent by the Parish Council to them regarding the matter of gritting at Augusta Park.

Members considered the stance of Bellway that pavements and roads should be left untouched and not gritted as unacceptable and irresponsible. The through road was constructed by Bellway and continues on a slope up to the school. The Parish Clerk was instructed

**SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL – 4 NOVEMBER 2013**  
**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES – Page 2 (Cont'd)**

to respond to the Engineering Manager reminding Bellway of its responsibility as regards insurance and health and safety to the public, that the response received is completely unacceptable and to ask for the rationale of the Bellway policy as concerns gritting. It was also considered unreasonable to expect mothers bringing their young children to school to grit the road themselves or for them to expect any resident to have done it already. Members requested that a copy of the letter be sent to Steven Lees at Test Valley Borough Council. County Cllr. Tim Rolt, Sharon Goodridge and the Chairman of the Augusta Park Residents' Association and the Head Teacher at the Enham & Smannell Church of England Primary School.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to respond to the Bellway letter of 8 October 2013 concerning gritting, stating that the Parish Council has considered the response and finds it unacceptable and irresponsible and to include the aforementioned points.

**474. 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. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Simon Jackson and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment finance schedule as prescribed. Motion Carried.

**475. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF DOG BINS AT SMANNELL END OF THE CINDER TRACK**

Following on from the last meeting, the Parish Clerk reported to Members the Test Valley Borough Council cost of installing dog bins for 2013/2014. The cost is £234.00 plus installation of £79.00 plus the cost of emptying per bin, which is £5.30. Members considered the package carefully and decided that there was no foundation for the placement of dog bins at the Smannell end of the Cinder Track and unanimously agreed not to pursue this.

**476. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LLPF COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITIES**

Cllr. Simon Jackson reported on the recent successful Bonfire Night and firework display held at the Oak and generated a small profit of around £200 - £250. The firework display lasted some 27 minutes.

It was unanimously agreed to pass a vote of thanks to the playing field committee and those involved in the firework display for their efforts in making the event such a success including Tom and Victoria at the pub.

**SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL – 4 NOVEMBER 2013**  
**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES – Page 3 (Cont'd)**

Cllr. Simon Jackson stated that the playing fields committee is now concentrating on the Christmas lights switch-on event and is confirming with the school for their participation in singing at the event.

**477. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications received.

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

No report received.

**479. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

In the absence of Borough Cllr. Phil North, the Parish Clerk gave a prepared written report as below.

‘Sorry I can’t be with you tonight as I have another meeting I need to attend. I wanted to update you on my discussions with officers about the proposed Traffic Regulation Order including the diverted Smannell Road, that myself & Ray Alborough presented at the last meeting.

You will re-call that Ray suggested it could take 3 years to start. I have now met with the Head of Planning Policy and Transport, Steve Lees and the Engineering & Transport Manager, Steve Raw to discuss timescales. I outlined to them the importance of getting this underway and I reflected your views at the last meeting. I also spoke to the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Martin Hatley to press the case.

This morning it was confirmed to me, that officers have now revised the traffic management programme which has enabled the Augusta Park scheme to be brought forward to 2014/15. The review will consider parking controls to address the issues on Smannell Road and in the vicinity of the school. In order to accommodate the vehicles displaced by any restrictions introduced in the vicinity of the school it is proposed to coordinate the introduction of the traffic regulation orders with the opening of the new community centre, planned for summer 2014. Subject to the public consultation and assuming the community centre progresses as planned any parking restrictions should be in place for the start of 2014 autumn school term. This is obviously a lot earlier than a 2016/17 start date that was originally suggested’.

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook concurred with the report given and also advised members that Sharon Goodridge was leaving her current post for a different role within Test Valley Borough Council.

County Cllr. Tim Rolt, reported that he has pursued the query on carrying out speed checks and has made a request for this to take place. Members again requested County Cllr. Tim Rolt to investigate the

**SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL – 4 NOVEMBER 2013**  
**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES – Page 4 (Cont'd)**

possibility for someone from Hampshire Council to address a future parish council meeting on methods of speed control.

**ACTION**

County Cllr. Tim Rolt to make enquiries for someone from Hampshire County Council to address a future parish council meeting on methods of speed control.

**480. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr. Richard Budge commented on the dangerous parking in Smannell and the issues associated with inconsiderate parking.

Cllr. Simon Jackson reported on the recent spate of litter strewn in Little London. He requested that the Chairman write an article in the Parish Oak reminding people about litter and to take it home.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to write an article in the Parish Oak reminding people about the issue of litter and to take their rubbish home.

The Chairman commented that there is no road sign located at the middle end of the dog-leg giving directions for Smannell, St Mary Bourne.

**ACTION**

Cllr. Tim Rolt was asked to contact Hampshire County Council to have signs placed at the roundabout.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should take place on 6 January 2014 at 7.15pm in the School Hall, Smannell.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.18 hours.