

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2014 AT THE SMANNELL AND ENHAM  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

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

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

**481. PRESENTATION ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – RAY ALBOROUGH (SENIOR TRANSPORT ENGINEER – TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL)**

Ray Alborough commenced his presentation by explaining his role linking Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council. He explained his involvement in planning applications and their impact as regards transport matters and traffic management.

He outlined in general terms matters related to traffic speed (real or perceived). He covered the impact on various highway users and explained horizontal or vertical deflection by means of photographic evidence. He discussed possible radar control speeds on both sides of a given road and that the average 50% of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is taken. Various different types of speed control were explained together with the individual pros and cons of specific traffic calming measures. Speed cushions and red patches advising of 30mph speed zones and the benefits of these options were debated.

The effectiveness of the options was explained. Horizontal deflection only works by being laid on an existing road. It is not as effective as the vertical deflection. Many of the roads in Smannell are slightly too narrow for speed cushions. The most suitable traffic calming measure is dependent upon traffic flow and a survey with the use of radar. Mr. Alborough also outlined the use of white line marking as a traffic calming measure.

Following the presentation, the matter was debated as to the best way forward. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take up Test Valley Borough Council's offer to use radar to quantify the problem and, in any event, to ask for white lines to be painted either side of the carriage way.

The new white lines would replace the single white lines painted in the middle of the road which are too narrow for such a line other than where may be needed at certain road intersections. The new lines would make some difference to speeding as they would emphasise the narrowness of the road and would assist in reducing damage to road edges. The lines would be needed from the Finkley Road roundabout through to the Newbury Road.

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Those present felt that there had to be enforcement of speed limits by police and the Community Speed Watch initiative was discussed. Members felt it was important to place an article in the Parish Oak concerning the favoured approach taken and the use of white lines as an option.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to write an article in the Parish Oak on the Parish Council's intention to opt for the use of white lines in Smannell as an option for traffic calming by way of public consultation.

The Chairman to advise Ray Alborough on the preferred traffic calming scheme.

**482. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Tim Bilborough  
Cllr. Simon Jackson  
Cllr. Nick Kinloch  
Cllr. Dini Thorne  
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

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

None recorded.

**484. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**At this point in the meeting, the Chairman elected to take Borough and County Council Reports.**

**485. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Borough Cllr. Phil North reported that the Revised Local Plan is due to be discussed at the 8<sup>th</sup> January Test Valley Borough Full Council and if approved will go out to further public consultation at the end of this month. Once in place, the plan will outline the amount and location of residential, employment and retail developments over the next 18 years.

There are no major changes in the previous document that went out to public consultation in Spring 2013. The document is positive for Alamein Ward with no further strategic housing sites planned for the Ward and the local gaps are protected between Andover, Smannell and Enham Alamein. There is extra housing planned for Andover and Picket Twenty but this does not affect the Alamein Ward.

Borough Cllr. Phil North reported that Test Valley Borough Council are working with partners to build a free-form concrete urban sports facility

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on Smannell Road open space and this has gone to public consultation and is available on the Test Valley Borough Council Website.

He urged members present to look at Map 50 which details the local gap when the document goes out to formal consultation to make sure that all are satisfied with its contents.

He concluded his report by stating that Test Valley Borough Council has frozen its Council Tax, which is good news.

**486. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

Members expressed the hope that the parking restrictions in Augusta Park will be operative by the beginning of the school year.

With regard to Green Lane, the Parish Clerk reported that he has received a further holding e-mail from Keith Thompson with regard to the delay in works being carried out. Members felt this was not acceptable and requested the Parish Clerk to refer the matter to his bosses and exact a timetable for works to be carried out.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to write to Keith Thompson's bosses requesting a timetable for the requested and delayed works to Green Lane

The Parish Clerk updated members with regard to signage at Augusta Park, which involves Taylor Wimpey. A plan is about to be produced to indicate where such signage could be placed. Members felt this needs to be carried out as a matter of urgency and requested the Parish Clerk to exert pressure. Test Valley Borough Council will put signs up once the road is adopted under the Section 38 Agreement.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to chase Taylor Wimpey for signage placement at Augusta Park as a matter of some urgency.

The Parish Clerk reported that despite a letter sent to Bellway and several chasers, there has been no response from Keith Edwards. Members felt this was unacceptable and requested that the Parish Clerk write to the Bellway Chief Executive with a copy to all key partners demanding a response to the letter.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to write to the Chief Executive at Bellway demanding a response to the letter with a copy to all key partners.

It was commented upon that the soakaway at Woodhouse Lane, Little London needs emptying.

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**ACTION**

County Cllr. Tim Rolt stated he would contact Keith Thomson to get the soakaway emptied at Woodhouse Lane, Little London as soon as possible.

**487. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 4 NOVEMBER 2013**

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

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

**488. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

The correspondence list which was previously circulated was considered and noted by Members.

**489. 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. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment finance schedule as prescribed. Motion Carried.

**490. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A BUDGET FOR THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015**

The Parish Clerk circulated the 2014/2015 budget and accompanying report outlining the proposals and the taxbase, which has increased to recognise additional dwellings at Augusta Park. After careful debate and consideration of prepared documentation and the objective of not spending frivolously, Members unanimously agreed that the precept for 2014/2015 should be £15,319 representing a zero increase or 0% in Council Tax. It was Proposed by Cllr. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to set the precept for Smannell Parish Council at £15,319 for 2014/2015. Motion Carried.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to notify Test Valley Borough Council of the precept requirement of £15,310 representing a zero increase in average Band D Council Tax.

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

No report received.

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**492. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications received.

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

No report received.

**494. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

The issue of fly tipping and litter was raised and that this needs to be monitored.

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