

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2012 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. Dini Thorne

In attendance: County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

371. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Tim Bilborough
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

372. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public expressed her concerns that a sign needs to be erected along the footpath by Meadow House past the school requesting that dogs must be kept on a lead, in the interests of general public safety.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would investigate this further with Peter Watson as regards ownership and the feasibility of such signage.

373. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

374. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 5 NOVEMBER 2012

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

In pursuance of Minute 359, Cllr. Richard Budge commented that posts have been placed either side of Green Lane and questioned the manner of repair and especially the poor workmanship related to the pot holes.

County Cllr. Pam Mutton was able to respond on this point, as she has been involved in several meetings regarding these matters. She commented that the posts are a temporary measure to allow for the verges to recover and it is envisaged they will be removed by the Spring 2013. With regard to potholes especially along the Smannell Road/Stoke Road, County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that a temporary measure has been undertaken and will be permanently fixed in due course as roads will need to be closed to carry out such repair.

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The Chairman reported further to Minute 362, that he has had a meeting with the Chairman of the Augusta Park Community Association. He reported that it was a successful meeting and that Christmas social activities have been arranged for the Augusta Park residents in the community centre. He stated that the Chairman of the Augusta Park Community Association welcomes comments from residents, which he would feed back to the Parish Council. There is no specific interest expressed one way or another in Augusta Park being either part of Andover or Smannell as the case may be.

It was reported that grit bins have been cited in some locations around Augusta Park. Borough Cllr, Alex Brook reported that he and the Parish Clerk have some dates arranged in the New Year to discuss parish boundaries with Tom van der Hoven.

In pursuance of Minute 370, the Parish Clerk has pursued the question of public art with Alex Hoare who has stated he would welcome attending the January Full Council meeting and discuss with members.

375. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted.

376. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk advised members of the payment schedule for the month of November/December amounting to £120 representing the Parish Clerk's November salary. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to a letter received from David Ayers (Senior Revenues Officer – Test Valley Borough Council) advising of the changes in the Council Tax Support Scheme therefore impacting on the taxbase setting for parish councils. As a result, no precept can be set until January. It was Proposed by Cllr. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Simon Jackson and unanimously agreed to accept the cheque payment of £120.00 as prescribed. Motion Carried.

377. TO UPDATE ON THE NOTICEBOARD QUOTATIONS

Cllr. Simon Jackson advised members that he was promised the final quotation from the chosen supplier but this was not forthcoming due to various factors. In the interests of efficiency and speed, members felt it was appropriate to delegate the final design and quote for the noticeboard to be agreed between Cllr. Simon Jackson and the Chairman subject to the caveat that the amount remains under £800.00 and that the order is placed by the Parish Clerk.

ACTION

Cllr. Simon Jackson and the Chairman to consider and agree the final quote and design for the noticeboard subject to the cost not exceeding £800 and that the Parish Clerk places the agreed order.

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

Cllr. Simon Jackson reported that he is the new Chairman of the LLPF Committee. He commented that he would like to discuss a few matters with the Chairman and has as a schedule. There are some costs that require attention resulting from the Christmas Lights Switch-on but that these can wait for the time being.

379. TO DISCUSS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was reported that there is a serious pothole requiring attention before the roundabout in the village. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would contact Keith Thompson accordingly.

It was reported that fly-tipping that has taken place within the Parish at Green Drove, Upper Enham and Stoke Road, Smannell. Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would raise this matter with Test Valley Borough Council.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to contact Keith Thompson to investigate the issue of a large pot hole identified before the main roundabout in the centre of the village.

Borough Cllr. Phil North to contact colleagues at Test Valley Borough Council to investigate fly-tipping at the locations stated.

380. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk stated that he was in receipt of an outline application (12/02497/OUTN) for 350 dwellings with access, parking, open space and landscaping including allotments at the surplus secondary school site, East Anton. A brief discussion ensued and members agreed to defer a decision at this meeting and in view of the deadline of 11 December 2012 for comments, agreed that members e-mail their views to the Chairman and that a response is then made to the Parish Clerk.

ACTION

The Chairman to advise the Parish Clerk with final observations on planning application 12/02497/OUTN for submission to Test Valley Borough Council.

381. TO UPDATE ON SMANNELL PARISH BOUNDARIES

No discussion took place pending a meeting scheduled for early January with Tom van der Hoven, Borough Councillors, the Parish Clerk and representatives of the Parish Council.

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

The Parish Clerk tendered the apologies of Anne-Marie Jones to the meeting. However, he did have a brief report prepared by her.

‘Please thank Cllr. Rod Bowker as a representative from the parish for joining the two children representing Smannell & Enham at the launch of the tree planting on 26 November 2012. Years 1 to 4 also went to the site on 30 November 2012 to plant trees, which was apparently cold and muddy but good fun! We are seeking a Foundation Governor for the school. These are appointed by the PCC of Christ Church Smannell. Mrs. Winning would be pleased to hear from anybody who has an interest in this position. We are concerned about the large pot pot hole outside the school and also the amount of dog waste on the lane down from the woods at the side of the school’.

383. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Borough Cllr. Phil North reported that further to his meeting with highway officers about road safety issues in and around Endeavour School at dropping off and picking up times and the use of Romney road as a cut through, it was agreed that parents should be encouraged to drop-off their children and not to park their vehicles. In addition, he reported that the road does need to be dressed and formally maintained.

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley reported that Test Valley Borough Council in a bid to save money, will now no longer be advertising planning applications.

384. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

The Chairman reported upon comments received relating to the lack of dog bins by the playing fields at Augusta Park and that these should be placed at both entrances. The question of responsibility was raised and discussed. Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would investigate this matter with colleagues at Test Valley Borough Council.

ACTION

Borough Cllr. Phil North to investigate the position regarding dog bins and responsibility at the playground adjacent to Smannell Road and report back.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hours.