

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2013 AT THE SMANNELL AND
ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Cllr. Richard Budge (Chairman), Cllr. Simon Jackson, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

In attendance: County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

399. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Rod Bowker
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
Cllr. Dini Thorne
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

400. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public enquired as to the ring-fenced funds and finance regarding receipts received from events that have taken place and organised by the Little London Playing Fields Sub-Committee. She felt it was important that funds raised by the public remain ringfenced to recognise the efforts of the public in raising funds. An explanation was provided by the Parish Clerk.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman elected to take the following agenda item.

401. PRESENTATION – ALEX HOARE – PUBLIC ARTS OFFICER – TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Alex Hoare to the meeting. She explained to those present that she has been carrying out a survey in and around the Test Valley area examining accessibility and potential places for public art placement. She described conceptualities of art and the criteria with the necessity of ensuring aesthetic strength. The objective is to be able to combine the commissioning of works that involve the community with high quality outcomes. The intention is to develop a sculpture trail in Augusta Park based on the ancient history of Smannell. Ms Hoare invited suggestions and a suitable approach to be adopted based on community sensitivities. She explained that a draft public art strategy will be available at the end of the month. Any public art commissioned, will need to be strong and robust to withstand vandalism. Much of the funding for public art commissioning comes from Section 106 developers contributions. A percentage of the art money is earmarked for schools as part of the creative learning project.

402. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

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403. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 7 JANUARY 2013

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Seconded by Cllr. Simon Jackson and unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record. Motion Carried.

In pursuance of Minute 386, members expressed their dissatisfaction with the pot holes that have developed as a result of recent cold weather. Specific reference was made to the Frenches farm path, which has Pot Holes which were previously reported on 7th January and also the gullies that require clearing out again.

Stoke Road has large pot holes also the Smannell Road was reported and members requested that Green Lane requires checking.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would pursue this with Keith Thompson and remind him that this was reported in January

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman invited Len Gates to speak.

Len Gates posed the question regarding the placement of grit bins on the new roads at Augusta Park and the issue of adoption and maintenance of the roads.

The Parish Clerk explained that it has been established via David Irving (Highway Manager) from the Development Control Team that they confirm the developer has responsibility for the roads until adoption is completed. This will include maintenance of the roads and all apparatus such as street lighting and keeping them safe for the public. This would include treatment against snow and ice.

Accordingly, the Parish Council was reticent in underwriting any supply of grit bins and consequently gave no such undertaking. County Cllr. Pam Mutton lent her full support in that once the roads are adopted or adoption is imminent, she would arrange that grit bins are obtained from HCC and strategically placed accordingly.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would request further grit bins where applicable.

404. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members by the Parish Clerk and duly noted.

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

The Parish Clerk advised members of the expenses of the Parish Council, which amounted to £225.00. This was made up of a cheque for £105.00 to the Smannell and Enham School for hall hire and the January salary for the Parish Clerk amounting to £120.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Tim Bilborough and unanimously agreed to approve the January expenditure as prescribed. Motion Carried.

406. TO UPDATE ON THE NOTICEBOARD QUOTATIONS

Cllr. Simon Jackson advised members that he has made no further progress with Lee Tucker from Tucker Joinery but he does have his assurances that he remains interested in producing the noticeboard.

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

Cllr. Simon Jackson together with his wife outlined the forthcoming plans for 2013 that have been discussed following the last sub-committee meeting of the LLPF Committee. He advised those present, that there will be a Music in the Park event, Quiz Night, Fete, Treasure Hunt, Firework event and Christmas Lights. He confirmed that he would ensure these appear in The Oak and pass details to the Parish Clerk for inclusion on the Website. He also read out a letter of thanks for use of toilets and advised that a financial donation of £40 for the Parish Council has been made.

ACTION

Members agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent for the kind donation of £40.00.

408. TO DISCUSS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Nothing discussed.

409. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None determined.

410. TO UPDATE ON SMANNELL PARISH BOUNDARIES

Cllr. Simon Jackson updated those present of the recent meeting regarding parish boundaries at Test Valley Borough Council. He reported that matters discussed were the original advice to await a TVBC boundary review (which it is believed would be triggered by Augusta Park completion or near completion). A general Andover review requested by Smannell, Enham Alamein and Andover Town Council and./or a review requested by the Parish Council (indeed Enham Alamein could do the same) to have a new 'Smannell Rural Parish Council'. Cllr. Simon Jackson made reference to a lengthy Government paper on reviews. The point was made of the danger of creating an imbalance in the community and a loss of identity. A further meeting remains to be scheduled.

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

The Parish Clerk tendered the apologies of Anne-Marie Jones to the meeting. No report was given.

412. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

In the absence of Cllr. Phil North, the Parish Clerk read the report submitted.

There is still no planning committee date set to determine the Taylor Wimpey application for the additional 350 homes. None of the roads in Augusta Park are currently adopted. Borough Cllr, Phil North has previously campaigned for the developer to provide grit bins on site. Currently, there are 4 bins in the following locations. Despite some reluctance from Taylor Wimpey assurances have been given from Taylor Wimpey and Bellway that they will be refilled. Borough Cllr. Phil North has therefore put together a list of additional sites and will ask the developer to provide some more.

When the roads are adopted the County Council can provide some of the blue bins and it will be their responsibility to maintain and to refill. Therefore, on the roads that are likely to be adopted quite soon, it would probably be wise to wait. Borough Cllr. Phil North has supplied the latest adoption schedule issued by the County Council and this was brought to the attention of those present at the meeting.

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook stated that the Test Valley (Draft) Revised Local Plan will shortly be considered by Cabinet and Council and then there will follow a 7 week public consultation. He stated that the plan does contain a green belt between Augusta Park and rural Smannell.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would ask Hampshire County Council to see if she can procure more grit bins for Augusta Park.

At this point, the Chairman took the following agenda item.

**413. PRESENTATION – SGT. ANDREW WHITE – SAFER
NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM**

PCSO Rebecca Williams and PCSO Donna Needham were in attendance and tendered the apologies of Sgt. White as he was called unexpectedly away. There has been a reported incident where two dogs attacked and killed a number of chickens in the garden of a property in Pound View. Following a media appeal, the dog owner contacted the Police. This matter has been dealt with as a community resolution whereby the dog owner has agreed to pay compensation for the chickens and has been given suitable advice regarding keeping the dogs under control.

In the early hours of January 2013, there was a public order incident, which occurred in an argument over vehicles turning in the road. There

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continue to be burglaries of outbuildings, garages, sheds etc in the Andover Rural area. Residents are urged to consider the security of their buildings particularly those where machinery is kept.

Reference was made to the Junior PCSO scheme and a session takes place once a month for six months and all aspects of police work is covered for approximately 7 young people from local schools. This can cover: road safety, first-aid training, litter-picking and the environment.

Finally, the matter of the potential creation of No Cold Calling Zones was raised, which is an on-going project to be established.

414. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20 hours.