

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 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. Cyril Loveridge

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

**358. APOLOGIES**

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

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

A member of the public expressed his concerns as to no hard core on the shoulder of the road along Green Lane. He produced photographic evidence illustrating the extent of the problem. He also stated the soakaway needs digging out again and stones put down as the soakaway is currently not functioning correctly. It is also clear that the sides of the road have not had any remedial works undertaken to them. Members felt it was appropriate for this to be referred to County Cllr. Pam Mutton to chase accordingly.

**ACTION**

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to chase the issues relating to Green Lane with appropriate officers for this to be examined and works determined.

**360. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**361. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 3 OCTOBER 2012**

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

The Parish Clerk reported further to the Minutes relating to the ownership of the footpath alongside Ashley Copse that the initial enquiry with Hampshire County Council suggests ownership is with them but this needs to be confirmed in writing.

**362. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The Chairman reported upon his response to a member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Augusta Park dated 16 October 2012. A discussion ensued as concerned the future of Augusta Park and its connections with the Smannell Parish Council. A

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debate on the community association and the Augusta Park Management Committee were considered. Members felt it was important to engage in a constructive review of Augusta Park and to support the community association. As a result of the resolved way forward between Andover TC, Enham Alamein PC and Smannell PC, it was felt appropriate that the Parish Council approach Test Valley Borough Council and request a meeting with the Head of Democratic Services to explore options on Augusta Park. Borough Cllr. Alex Brook offered to broker the meeting and stated he would organise such a meeting accordingly. In the meantime, the Chairman stated he would meet with the Chairman of the Augusta Park Residents Association to find out more about them.

Members requested that the Parish Clerk contact Test Valley Borough Council or the developers to ensure that the roads, particularly those up to the school, in Augusta Park, be gritted in frosty weather.

**ACTION**

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook to organise a meeting with the Head of Administration and parish council representatives to discuss Augusta Park options.

The Chairman to seek a meeting with the Chairman of the Augusta Park Residents Association to understand more about them.

The Parish Clerk to contact Test Valley Borough Council or the developers to ensure that the roads, particularly those up to the school, in Augusta Park be gritted in frosty weather.

**363. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Clerk advised members of the payment schedule for the month of October/November. This was made up of £135.00 to Enham Alamein PC as a contribution towards the recent Cinder Track works, £1,100 refund to the Parish Clerk representing his personal payment to Smart Pyrotechnics for the firework display, £120.00 representing the Parish Clerk's October Salary and finally £115.99 to the Enham Trust for maintenance works. The total payable amounted to £1,470.99. It was Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to approve the expenses as listed. Motion Carried.

**364. TO UPDATE ON THE NOTICEBOARD QUOTATIONS**

Cllr. Simon Jackson advised members that he has approached Lee Tucker from Tucker Joinery to produce a noticeboard and is awaiting a final quotation to be forwarded. This was noted.

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

Cllr. Simon Jackson commented that the Bonfire Night and fireworks display was very successful. He briefly stated that the committee will be reviewing the options next year. The Chairman, supported by other members, recorded their congratulations to Cllr. Simon Jackson and Lynn Jackson for their hard work and effort in connection with this event. Cllr. Sam Jackson raised his concerns with the contract the Parish Council has with Test Valley Borough Council as regards the number of cuts for the play area especially as only three have been undertaken so far this year. The Parish Clerk stated he would investigate this with Test Valley Borough Council.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to contact Test Valley Borough Council and establish the grass cutting regime for the contract and what the circumstances are as regards service delivery.

**366. TO DISCUSS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

Nothing discussed.

**367. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None determined.

**368. 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. The main thing to report is that the school recently had its Statutory Inspection of Anglian Schools which follows from the Ofsted report and received a report of Outstanding. The Head Boy and Girl recently planted trees at the jubilee wood mentioned by Len Gates at the last meeting. Members congratulated the school on this achievement.

**369. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook made reference to current Test Valley Borough Council Council Tax Benefit consultation. He also advised members that he recently attended a resident's meeting, which was very well attended and stated he would like to get involved in the development of Augusta Park.

In the absence of Borough Cllr. Phil North, the Parish Clerk read his prepared report.

'The Government has recently announced that for the third consecutive year they will be working with Councils to freeze the Council tax. This comes in the form of a £60,000 grant for two years - equivalent to 1% of council tax. There is debate amongst finance officers on whether or

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not to accept the offer. I have and will continue to lobby colleagues to vote for another freeze next year.

I have been getting complaints about road safety issues in and around Endeavour School at dropping off and picking up time and the use of Romney road as a cut through. I have organised a meeting to discuss the issues with highways officers, the developer, the headteacher and local residents next Friday. I will keep you up to date with outcomes.

Lastly - the consultation to reform Council tax benefit finishes on 12th November. I have proposed an amendment that TVBC should protect those disabled people that can't work and hope to gain support for my proposals at the Scrutiny meeting tomorrow night. Considering the

local affinity with the disabled you may feel you want to respond to the consultation'.

County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that she has checked that grit bins will be filled and checked for the forthcoming Winter and ahead of possible inclement weather. She advised members that she recently attended a Highway and Transport Workshop concerning proposed traffic management schemes.

She stated that she will be checking that the roads in Augusta Park leading up to Endeavour School are gritted in inclement weather in the interests of health and safety.

**370. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr. Simon Jackson stated that he recently came across notification regarding East Anton Public Art in a residents newsletter. He expressed his concern that the Parish Council was not consulted regarding this nor kept in the loop or received any information in this connection. The Parish Clerk was asked to e-mail Test Valley Borough Council and enquire as to why the Parish Council is not being consulted on this.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to contact Test Valley Borough Council and enquire as to why the Parish Council is not being consulted on Public Art within Smannell.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40 hours.