

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2012 AT THE SMANNELL AND ENHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

In attendance: County Cllr. Pam Mutton

334. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Simon Jackson
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
Cllr. Dini Thorne
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

335. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Leslie Barry representing the Enham Alamein Parish Council discussed the on-going maintenance of the Cinder Track and that clearance thereof has become essential. She outlined to members that the Hampshire Probation Service has provided labour as part of a scheme and that there has been a cost associated with this. The Chairman agreed that clearance was important as the Cinder Track is a Safe Walk to School Route. However, members of the Parish Council were unanimous in their view, that the Smannell end of the Cinder Track was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but Hampshire County Council.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to advise Peter Watson (Hampshire County Council) that the Cinder Track – Smannell end, is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Furthermore, to ascertain from Peter Watson the exact ownership of this path.

Members felt that in the interests of the community, the Parish Council would, as a one-off gesture, contribute 50% of the costs incurred to have the path cleared.

ACTION

The Chairman requested that the Parish Clerk ensures that there is always an agenda item referring to Roads and Footpaths.

336. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

337. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JUNE 2012

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

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As regards the on-going matter of the phone box, it was reported that Cllr. Simon Jackson has this in hand with his BT contacts. As concerns the issue of quotes for parish noticeboards, it was suggested that David Hayward might consider constructing one from wood.

338. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted.

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

The Parish Clerk distributed the finance schedule totalling £377.17 for agreement. The Parish Clerk reported upon the latest financial statement and the back accounts. It was Proposed by Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to accept the finance schedule as distributed. Motion Carried.

340. TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN PURSUANCE OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Parish Clerk advised that the Parish Council must adopt the Code of Conduct as part of the Localism Act 2011. It was Proposed by Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council adopts the Code of Conduct in pursuance of the Localism Act 2011. Motion Carried.

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

The Chairman gave a brief summary on the LLPF committee activities. He reported that the committee met a few weeks ago and that the Fireworks Display will be taking place over the weekend of 27th/28th October and arrangements for this event have been made. There will be a modest entrance charge and there will be hot dogs and hot drinks available. The timings have yet to be agreed. The Parish Council has made available a sum of £1,000 towards the cost of the fireworks. The Christmas Tree Lights event will take place on 3 December 2012 and the school will be singing at this event.

The Chairman advised members that a building situated on the Little London Playing Field has a leak and this will require attention therefore incurring a possible cost implication.

342. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None recorded.

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

The Parish Clerk tendered the apologies of Anne-Marie Jones to this meeting. However, he did advise on the latest Smannell and Enham

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Governor News and that of the Smannell and Enham Year 6 Leavers issue. Members were of the belief that the school had achieved a very good OFSTED inspection.

344. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

There being no Borough Councillors present no such report was received.

County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that activity at Hampshire County Council has been quiet as it is the summer holidays. However, she stated that she has a meeting with Tim Lawson on 30 August 2012 at 12.30pm at Hampshire County Council to address highway related matters and obtain updates as regards maintenance in her division.

345. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr. Richard Budge commented that the corner outside the school is very dangerous as the sight lines are obscured by the overgrown hedges and one cannot see for more than 20 yards. A debate ensued concerning ownership of the hedges and that they need attention. This led onto a discussion related to the clearance of ditches and the feasibility of re-visiting the concept of a parish lengthsman who could carry out required maintenance work. Concerns were expressed that ditches used to be cleared and checked regularly by Hampshire County Council but this appears to now be no longer the case.

The Chairman commented that the drainage ditch and run-offs opposite the chicken houses is to be cleared out by Hampshire County Council and that Will Brook will maintain the ditch whereas Hampshire County Council will maintain run-offs.

Following various meetings, the Chairman explained that the drainage at the end of Woodhouse was considered satisfactory now that the tank and drain have been cleared out. The drains at the corner by the pub on the east side of the road were cleaned out and maintained by Hampshire County Council but appear to be partially blocked again.

The drainage ditch and run-offs opposite the church stretching from the corner almost to Ashley Copse is to be cleared out and enlarged at the Ashley Copse end by Hampshire County Council with the soak-way there being re-established. The ditch to be maintained by Will Brook and run-offs by Hampshire County Council. The drainage ditch and run-offs on the west side of the road by the village and speed restriction signs is to be cleared out by Hampshire County Council and Will Brook will maintain ditch and Hampshire County Council to maintain run-offs. The Chairman suggested that his agreement for clearing out the ditches should be appended to the Minutes of this meeting.

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ACTION

The Parish Clerk to ensure that the agreement for clearing out ditches is appended to these Minutes.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Test Valley Borough Council's recent refusal to grant permission for the Enham Trust planning application and how matters will progress.

The Chairman commented that he has organised a guidance note with regard to the private use of equipment at Little London Playing Fields following previous discussions with Stephen West. He requested this be appended to the Minutes of this meeting.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to ensure that the guidance note with regard to the private use of equipment at Little London Playing Fields.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30 hours and the next meeting is 1 October 2012.