

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2013 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, Cllr. Dini Thorne

In attendance: County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Janet Whittleley

385. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Tim Bilborough
Cllr. Nick Kinloch
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Borough Cllr. Phil North

386. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public reported that the parish plan link to the Website was not functioning correctly. There was a question regarding the origin of photographs of Little London on the Website and whether they were indeed of that area.

It was reported that a large pothole has been identified before the main roundabout in the centre of the village that requires urgent attention. A discussion ensued regarding ditches that have partially disappeared along Frenches Farm Road and members felt there needed to be a review of ditches and maintenance thereof and gullies need to be cleared out again as a matter of some urgency.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would chase the matters highlighted with Keith Thompson seeking remedial works.

387. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that of the Localism Act 2011, dispensations were signed by members present to enable the precept to be set for the Parish Council to be discussed later in the meeting.

388. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2012

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

By way of update, County Cllr. Pam Mutton advised members that she e-mailed Keith Thompson several times with regard to potholes and will do so again.

It was reported that there has been a further incidence of fly-tipping, this time Tesco bags have been dumped on the right hand side of Green Lane at its junction to the A343.

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ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to e-mail Keith Thomson once more with regard to the large pot hole identified before the main roundabout in the centre of the village, which was also reported earlier in the meeting.

The Parish Clerk to report the incidence of fly-tipping as described to Test Valley Borough Council.

389. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. Specific note was made of the Thank You letter received from Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley expressing her thanks for the invitation to the Little London Christmas Lights ceremony on 3 December 2012.

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

The Parish Clerk advised members of the payment schedule for the month of December/January. This was made up of £120 representing the Parish Clerk's salary for December and £90 payable to HMRC representing tax and the total payable amounted to £210.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. Simon Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to approve the expenses as listed. Motion Carried.

391. TO AGREE A BUDGET FOR THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

The Parish Clerk circulated background documents and a draft budget for members consideration. He pointed out that the taxbase for the Parish Council has not yet been formally agreed for the Parish by Test Valley Borough Council and that the final figures could not be viewed as being definitive for the precept figure. Cllr. Simon Jackson stated he would like to see more advertising of events in the future for Smannell in the Parish Oak and members agreed to adjust the Parish Oak advertising budget slightly higher.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Simon Jackson and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should freeze any increase in the precept for the financial year 2013/2014. Motion Carried.

392. TO UPDATE ON THE NOTICEBOARD QUOTATIONS

Cllr. Simon Jackson advised members that Lee Tucker has advised him that the cost for the noticeboard will be £690 plus VAT and once the formal quotation has been received, an order can be raised. This was noted.

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

The Chairman of the LLPF Committee paid tribute to Linn Jackson who worked very hard to make the Christmas Lights a success and members endorsed a vote of thanks to her. He also thanked other helpers who had lent their support to the switch-on event.

Cllr. Simon Jackson stated that a calendar of events is being finalised and stated that he would like to see this published in The Parish Oak and the Website.

Events are being considered especially where monies can be raised for charity. The team will be addressing playground inspections and addressing any issues that are identified.

394. TO DISCUSS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Chairman reported on Dunhill's Lane and Malthouse Lane, which are in a very dangerous state which need emergency repair before February. The French's Farm path has many potholes, which the Chairman did report in a previous email to Keith Thompson.

The Chairman stated that he would personally check the condition of the footpaths in Augusta Park that may require gritting in severe weather and approach the developer accordingly.

ACTION

The poor condition of the Dunhill's Land and Malthouse Lane and remedial action for the French's Farm potholes to be reported to Keith Thompson by County Cllr. Pam Mutton.

395. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk circulated details of planning application 12/02658/FULLN for temporary permission for a sales centre, associated car parking and access at Parcel M Land at East Anton, Smannell Road, Smannell. Members unanimously agreed to return No Objection to this.

Cllr. Richard Budge expressed his personal objections with regard to planning application 12/0497/OUTN, which were noted by members as the Parish Council had previously considered this plan and have objected. It is likely that the application will be referred to the Northern Area Planning Committee at which members were keen that the Parish Council's view is expressed in person. Members felt it would be appropriate for the Parish Clerk to possibly attend and address the committee accordingly.

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Members were reminded that letters of objection are needed by inhabitants to be sent to Test Valley Borough Council expressing their comments to the planning application 12/0497/OUTN by the prescribed deadline for consideration and that mass letters will not be accepted.

396. 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 received.

397. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

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

‘I have noted your comment to the planning department in relation to the application for 350 homes. Borough Cllrs. Janet Whiteley, Alex Brook and myself met with Jason Owen last month to outline our concerns. The extra 350 houses are not in the Local Plan and do not automatically comply with policy.

Obviously if built, these extra dwellings would have an impact on highways. Most extra vehicles are likely to use the opened up Finkley Arch but some will inevitably have an impact on local roads to get to the A343 and could put additional pressure on Enham Arch.

I have spoken with the County Council Highways Officer and have made my views clear that if permission is granted then the developer needs to make extra improvements to the highway network over and above what they had originally agreed in the initial section 106. He is currently in discussion with them about providing an enhanced route through Walworth to the A303 – but I have also asked him to review the traffic assessments for the Finkley Arch. It is still proposed that this will be two way but only on a single carriageway controlled by traffic lights. If this becomes a pinch point then it may mean that the traffic use another way of getting to their destination putting pressure on the Smannell Road and A343.

It is also essential that Taylor Wimpey provides ‘Additional Community Benefit Projects’ for the area. Allotments already from part of the application and I am liaising with County to see if they can enhance their section 106 for the building of the 2nd Primary School.

We have already made sure that this Planning application will be decided at a planning committee so we can reject the application if it does not mitigate the negative impacts or negotiate some further mitigating works.

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At this stage no further strategic housing sites in Alamein form part of the TVBC's next local plan and I will be campaigning to keep it this way'.

Borough Cllr. Janet Whitely endorsed the comments made by Borough Cllr. Phil North.

County Cllr. Pam Mutton advised members that the reports regarding the pot holes made earlier in the meeting would not be addressed immediately and that she has a meeting with Tim Lawson to ask for works to be undertaken soonest. She also reported that the Council Tax for Hampshire County Council for 2013/2014 will remain the same.

398. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

None recorded.