

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 5 September 2011

Members Present: Cllr. Rod Bowker, Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. John Page (Chairman)

In attendance

County Cllr. Pam Mutton

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

210. Apologies

Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

Borough Cllr Phil North

211. To discuss and update on the Broadband Project

The Chairman welcomed Glyn Paton and Loic Flageul representing Hampshire County Council and Magdalene respectively. They gave an update on the latest developments with regard to the roll-out planned for the area. It is envisaged that this will offer up to 20Mb on a Wifi Network. After several false starts the 100Mb HPSN2 line was installed into the school and this will deliver a fibre connection via Magdalene. Magdalene is now in a position to install the green box cabinet by the bus shelter. The fibre from the school (HPN2) has been laid in a new duct in the roadside trench.

It was explained there may be a possibility of up to 80Mb possible on the fibre line and week commencing 12 September or 19 September they will be setting-up the ISB cable and offer pre-registration through Magdalene. A discussion ensued on the commercial offering of Magdalene to the inhabitants of Smannell and the potential speeds that can be realised for broadband provision.

212. Public Question not on the Agenda

A member of the public commented upon a 'dumpsite', which is located at the top of McCallum Road and questioned what the land was being used for. It was believed that the land belongs to the farm. A motorcycle repair business shop is being run and a number of complaints have been received. Members felt that this this needed ultimately to be reported to planning enforcement at Test Valley Borough Council. It was felt appropriate that a letter be sent to the owner in the first instance alerting them to the issue and giving them a chance to rectify the problem.

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ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to draft a suitable letter to the owner highlighting the issues raised.

Phil Duke reported that a few weeks ago, he was run-off the road and got caught by pot-holes in Andover. The road from Little London to the A343 requires urgent improvements. County Cllr. Pam Mutton confirmed that the pot holes along Stoke Road have been reported and are in the system. She stated she would ascertain an estimate for the turnaround timeframe of works to be undertaken.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to establish an estimate when works will be undertaken.

213. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

214. To co-opt a Parish Councillor to serve Smannell Parish Council

The Parish Clerk reported that Simon Jackson has offered his services to stand as a Parish Councillor for the Smannell Parish Council but gave his apologies as he was unwell. Members agreed in Sam Jackson's absence that he should be co-opted as a serving Parish Councillor with effect from October 2011. It was Proposed by Cllr. Rod Bowker, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to co-opt Simon Jackson as a serving Councillor for Smannell Parish Council. Motion Carried.

215. To Read and Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 11 July 2011

The Minutes for the meeting of 11 July 2011 were Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

In pursuance of Minute 200 members commented on the grass verge cutting regularity and the fact that there is no schedule.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Ray Alborough to obtain a definitive schedule.

216. Correspondence Received

All previous correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to an e-mail schedule circulated by TVBC concerning suitable projects for future Section 106 consideration via developers contributions. The Chairman commented that the previous

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Council had already considered this matter and had compiled a 'wish-list' of projects for capital expenditure.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to circulate the old priority list to members for information, addition and comment with the objective of submitting this to Test Valley Borough Council.

217. To receive a report from the Smannell & Enham Primary School

None received.

218. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council and update on the latest financial position of the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk presented the latest bank account statements and reported on the balances on the accounts. It was agreed to re-join the HALC membership for £120.00 and two months salary for July and August representing the Clerk's Salary at £120.00. The total expenditure amounted to £360.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payments and accounts. Motion Carried.

219. To discuss the Enham Woodland Project

The Chairman introduced the matter and the plans put forward by Liz Hall and that of Jonathan's Wood coupled with the comments received from David Hayward (Enham Alamein Parish Councillor). Some of the wood falls into the boundary of Smannell parish hence the reason why this matter was discussed at this meeting. Members were generally keen to pursue the principle but expressed reservations as to the feasibility due to a pipe-line running underneath the proposed area. The Chairman reported that this matter is being discussed at a community meeting held by the Enham Alamein Parish Council on 12 September at which he will be in attendance.

220. To discuss Smannell Parish Boundaries

The Parish Clerk made reference to a detailed report prepared by Alan Winchcombe on this matter. In essence, the Parish can ask Test Valley Borough Council to review the parish boundary at any time. TVBC could carry out a community governance review using its powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. There are cost implications in doing this and the estimate is likely to be in the thousands not hundreds. The review process will take some time as there are a number of consultation phases to complete. There are possible

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'knock-on' effects for adjoining parishes particularly Andover and this will complicate and prolong the consultation process and increase costs. Any changes that may be agreed would not take effect until the next scheduled ordinary elections in 2015.

Cllr. Richard Budge commented that the report did not address the Enham Alamein parish boundary, which is significant as approximately half of Phase 2 is in the Enham parish. He reported on the South East Plan in which it states that a local gap should separate Smannell from the MDA and it clearly states that Smannell should be maintained as a rural parish. Cllr. Richard Budge also explained Appendix 2 of the Adopted Local Plan commenting on strategic and local gaps.

A debate ensued regarding the MDA and Smannell, discussing the boundary with East Anton to Woodhouse and that the land east of this is within the Enham Alamein parish.

It was felt appropriate that at this stage, that a tripartite meeting is called between Enham Alamein PC, Smannell PC and Andover Town Council to examine the way forward on this matter and to establish whether there is any common ground. Cllr. John Page confirmed that he knew this matter is scheduled to be discussed by Enham Alamein PC and would be interesting to obtain their position. Members agreed with such a course of action.

It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to call a tripartite meeting with Enham Alamein Parish Council, Smannell Parish Council and Andover Town Council representatives and examine the way forward. Motion Carried.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to broker a meeting between Enham Alamein, Smannell and Andover Parish/Town Councils respectively to discuss parish boundaries.

221. To determine planning applications

None recorded.

222. To discuss further East Anton Housing Development

It was reported that the need for a secondary school have been shelved as Hampshire County Council has decided that there is no demonstrated need for an additional school. There may be a possibility for the construction of a doctor's surgery and County Cllr. Pam Mutton has requested an additional clinic. It now remains to be seen what the developer would like and is also subject to a full open space and scoping report.

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223. To update on footpaths and roads

It was reported that footpath 756 past Ashley copse requires maintenance as the hedge is overgrown and is partly the responsibility of the landowner..

Cllr. John Page offered to find out a contact for the new house being built at Ashley Copse as they are the landowners of the hedge that requires trimming.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to draft a letter requesting that the landowner maintains his side of the overgrown hedge.

Cllr. Rod Bowker referred to the hedge opposite the Oak, which obscures the view around the bend and enquired as to ownership of this hedge. Members believed this to be in private ownership. He made mention of the possibility of erecting an improved road sign at the 'pub crossroads' and Members felt that such a project would be worthy of a potential Section 106 financial contribution and should be added to the list.

224. To update on the playing fields and to discuss Firework Display arrangements

Cllr. Rod Bowker reported on the Minutes of the LLPF Committee meeting held on 30 August and the various action points that arose from this meeting. He confirmed that the firework display will take place on 12 November 2011 and outlined the estimated costs associated with staging this event. He stated that a sum of £280.00 for costs would need to be formally requested from the Parish Council to defray costs against the estimated income return of £1,200. In addition, he stated that with regard to the play equipment at Little London, the bark for the areas under the play-frames required topping up and that this amounts to £120.00.

Cllr. Rod Bowker stated that the matter of staging a possible event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was raised and questioned whether the Parish Council would support such a potential event. Members thought it may be possible to undertake an event in collaboration with Enham Alamein Parish Council and supported an event in principle.

It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to ring-fence £280.00 from Parish Council funds for the firework display together with £120.00 for the bark top-up. Motion Carried.

225. Borough and County Council Reports

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley reported that Hampshire County Council has confirmed that there is no requirement for a

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secondary school on the East Anton development. The developer is therefore free to develop the land which was safeguarded for a secondary school for an alternative use (a planning application will be required). She also commented that no revised Enham plan has been received to date.

226. Councillor Questions

None recorded.

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 3 October 2011 at 7.15pm at the same venue.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hours.