

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 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. Phil North

**268. APOLOGIES**

Parish Cllr. Nick Kinloch

Parish Cllr. Dini Thorne

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

**269. TO CO-OPT A SERVING COUNCILLOR FOR THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

There being no candidate at the present time, this was not enacted.

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

A member of the public raised the issue of the very poor condition of potholes along Green Lane and especially outside The Copse as they have all collapsed. Members requested that this be reported to John Clarke and Keith Thompson with a copy to County Cllr. Pam Mutton. A discussion ensued regarding the cleansing of the gullies by the Oak and Ashley Copse. It was reported that the drains and the drainage tank should be cleaned at the Woodhouse Triangle on the roadside of the hedge. Members also requested that this be added to the e-mail request for action to be undertaken.

A vote of thanks was expressed for Cllr. Richard Budge for having spent time with County Cllr. Pam Mutton in the assessment of the sight lines, traffic issues and turning points in the parish.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to contact John Clarke and Keith Thompson to request maintenance works to the potholes as stated and that of the cleansing of gullies at the sites referred.

**271. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**272. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JANUARY 2012**

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

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The actions arising from the previous Minutes were discussed and updated accordingly.

In pursuance of Minute 263, the Chairman summarised the previous discussions regarding the parish boundaries.

Further to Minute 267, Cllr. Sam Jackson stated he is investigating the options available concerning the phone box operation at Frenches Farm Lane.

**273. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to a quotation received from Test Valley Borough Council for £768.96 grounds maintenance renewal for grass cutting works at the Little London Playing Field. The Parish Clerk advised that comparative quotations be sought.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to seek quotations for the grass cutting maintenance contract for the Little London Playing Field.

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

The Parish Clerk distributed the finance schedule, which amounted to £1,161.14 and was made up as follows: £448.56 to Test Valley Borough Council (final groundworks invoice), £120.00 representing the Parish Clerk's January Salary, £400.00 contribution to the PCC of Smannell and Enham, £166.58 refund to Cllr. Rod Bowker for expenses incurred in increasing the bark at Little London Playing Fields and materials and £26.00 to PCC of Smannell and Enham. It was Proposed by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payments as listed. Motion Carried.

**275. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None recorded.

**276. TO DETERMINE THE PARISH COUNCIL FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE TEST VALLEY CORE STRATEGY AND DESIGNATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

Borough Cllr. Phil North was asked to outline these documents and highlight the key issues appertaining to and of direct interest for Smannell Parish Council. He stated that Test Valley Borough Council has a statutory duty to consider all sites in the Borough. Members commented that there were few people at the various exhibitions held. A local gap certainly exists but it is difficult to locate directly in Smannell. A debate ensued regarding the definition of a local gap,

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which was formally provided. Members unanimously decided to support the local gap recommendations made in the Test Valley BC document but members specifically wished to refer to the field beyond Finkley (Site 146) to Picket Piece be protected and requested that protection be sought for its long-term future. It was felt that the Finkley community was unique and required this level of protection for the long-term planning strategy future.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk was instructed to send the above formal Parish Council response to the consultation document to Test Valley Borough Council by the prescribed deadline.

**277. TO UPDATE SECTION 106 PROJECT PRIORITIES**

The Chairman reported that members had met informally to consider the projects that the previous Council had compiled so to update accordingly for potential developers contributions. He stated that the definitive documentation is currently being considered by members and wished to defer this matter for debate at the March Full Council meeting.

**278. TO DISCUSS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Members felt that some project does need to be progressed. A list of potential feasible concepts needs to be compiled and distributed for consultation and establish what interests there are for each of the suggestions put forward. If there is suitable interest in any of the concepts, this needs to be progressed. Linn Jackson stated that she had a document of various concepts and was prepared to help. The Chairman read a prepared report on the Queen's Jubilee fund and that the document be distributed to all. Members unanimously felt that a leaflet drop be made in the village to establish the interests and that a final choice be made at the March Full Council meeting.

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

It was reported that the local community lunch will be held on 8 March 2012 at 12.15pm at the Smannell & Enham Primary School at the cost of £2.40. Other than this event, there was nothing else raised.

**280. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Borough Cllr. Phil North reported that there remain a number of issues at Augusta Park that do need to be resolved with Taylor Wimpey. He cited grit bins and the broadband provision as examples. There has been no response received for meetings to be held at the community centre. Some of the roads and grit bins have not been adopted by Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council

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respectively and a dialogue is needed with the developer, which Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would pursue.

County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that the Operation Resilience as it relates to Little London is of a poor standard. The road maintenance and remedial works are breaking-up and she stated it is matter that is being pursued with Amey and it is a case of poor workmanship. It was reported that footpath 1 at the top of Big Street has become a quagmire and is very muddy. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would contact John Clark and request maintenance action accordingly.

**ACTION**

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to contact John Clark to seek maintenance action to footpath 1 at the top of Big Street.

**281. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

It was requested that the subject of playgrounds be an agenda item on the March Full Council meeting coupled with that of the noticeboard at Little London.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55 hours.