

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 9 MAY 2016 AT THE SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, SMANNELL**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Mark Hurrell, Cllr. John Pickford, Cllr. Dini Thorne.

**In attendance:**

County Cllr. Tim Rolt

**695. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Paddy Burt  
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook  
Borough Cllr. Phil North  
Borough Cllr. Tracey Preston

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

None recorded.

**697. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**698. TO READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 15 MARCH 2016**

The Chairman sought updates from the various action points arising from the previous Minutes, which had all been sanctioned and carried out.

Further to Minute 680 relating to boundary reviews, the Chairman advised that Boundary Commission will make their review in the first instance and it is likely this will be towards the end of this year. The Borough Ward boundaries will be checked first and thereafter, Test Valley Borough Council will examine the Parish Council boundaries.

As an update to Minute 688 regarding defibrillator training, the Chairman advised that he has contacted St John Ambulance but there has currently been no response. Members felt it appropriate to approach Hampshire Ambulance or the British Heart Foundation.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to contact Hampshire Ambulance or the British Heart Foundation to procure defibrillator training.

Further to Minute 692, the Chairman advised that works to the Smannell Road Footway will take place later this year towards the end of Summer.

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Mark Hurrell and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried. The Chairman signed the Minutes as being a true and correct record.

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**699. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The correspondence list was considered and noted by members. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to a Public Open Spaces Audit being carried out by Test Valley Borough Council and the Chairman advised that he has completed the survey evaluating what play areas currently exist in the parish to aid in securing developers' contributions.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to submit the completed survey to Test Valley Borough Council.

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

The Parish Clerk advised members of the current bank balances as at May 2016 and the current financial payment schedule amounting to £1,852.95. This was made up of £1,375.30 payable to Test Valley Borough Council for dog bin emptying 2015/2016, a refund of £20.39 to Cllr. Rod Bowker for personal purchase of a defibrillator wall sign, £122.73 representing the Parish Clerk's March Salary, £122.73 representing the Parish Clerk's April Salary, a refund to the Parish Clerk of £91.80 for PAYE paid personally and £120.00 to the PCC of Enham and Smannell for sponsorship of the Parish Oak. It was Proposed by Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Dini Thorne and unanimously agreed to approve the finance schedule as prescribed. Motion Carried.

**701. TO UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR PROCUREMENT**

The Chairman advised those present that the defibrillators are now installed in all three locations in the parish. Signage is currently being erected at the location of the defibrillators. All that remains is to procure some training for the operation of the defibrillators.

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

Cllr. Tim Bilborough provided an update to the latest LLPF Committee activities. He advised that John Major is fully in charge of the contract for the on-going maintenance of the Little London Play Area. Some concern was highlighted regarding the contract conditions between the Parish Council and John Major. Cllr. Tim Bilborough stated he would investigate this point. Members were advised that there are no plans for a summer fete and the focus is on the fireworks in November.

**ACTION**

Cllr. Tim Bilborough to investigate the contract conditions with John Major for the maintenance of the Little London Play Area.

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**703. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Clerk advised members that there were two planning applications for determination.

**16/00903/FULLN** - Single storey rear extension at 30 Cowslip Way, Andover. Members resolved No Objection.

**16/00919/RESN** – Resvered matters application for details of 126no residential dwellings including layout, appearance, scale and landscaping (Details of TVN. 09258), Parcel P, Land at East Anton, Smannell Road, Smannell. Members resolved to defer comment requesting details to be sent for an informed decision by the prescribed deadline of 20 May 2016.

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

None received.

**705. FOOTPATHS AND ROADS UPDATE**

Members commented that the track from Finkley Road to Finkley Farm, which is a restricted byway, has recently been upgraded and no-one had any objections to this.

Concerns were expressed that the double yellow lines through the dogleg along the Smannell Road are not being enforced rendering the lines ineffective.

Members felt the parking areas need to be removed as they create dangerous blind spots along the road. Members also expressed their concern over children playing in the road. It was felt appropriate that Steve Raw be approached at Test Valley Borough Council to seek his views and opinions and that of Ray Alborough. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the police and ask for an enforcement of the yellow lines.

Members were not satisfied as to the maintenance of existing pot holes in the parish especially opposite the school and on the road out of Little London through to the A343.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to approach Steve Raw and Ray Alborough to establish their views on the potential removal of the parking areas along the Smannell Road dog-leg. In addition, the Parish Clerk to contact the police to request enforcement of the double yellow lines. County Cllr Tim Rolt stated he would chase the pothole maintenance in Smannell.

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**706. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

In the absence of Borough Councillors attending, the Parish Clerk read Borough Councillor Phil North's prepared report:

'Apologies I can't be at your meeting tonight but I thought you would appreciate an update on how I have worked on some issues affecting your parish this year. In December, the Government Planning Inspector ruled that the new TVBC Local Plan was sound. The plan represents a good deal for Alamein Ward with no further strategic housing sites allocated. Thanks to the help of Alamein Ward residents the Local Plan also ensures the protection of our Local Gaps including between Andover and Smannell/Enham Alamein. The new Local Plan will be a powerful weapon in protecting the borough from inappropriate development whilst ensuring new homes are built in sustainable locations.

I was pleased to be able to facilitate the saving of the Smannell & Little London Broadband service, which was threatened by the removal of a County Council subsidy. I arranged for Test Valley Borough Council to make a £3,500 per annum contribution. Thank you to the Parish Council for adding an additional £2,000 per annum. On the back of his Broadband Summit, local MP, Kit Malthouse, negotiated a deal with the County Council in which they would continue to pay half of their original contribution, saving the scheme.

In January, I chaired the second Alamein Ward Community Conference to discuss how community groups in the area can work together for the benefit of residents. The conference, attended by the Chairman of Smannell Parish Council, provided an opportunity for organisations to meet other partners, find out more about the support, funding and resources available in the area and discuss how the various groups can better support one another. Remember that TVBC Councillors have a small pot of money to help fund Parish Council and other community group projects.

Back in July, I was delighted to be invited to officially open the new Augusta Park Community Centre. More recently, I attended the official opening of the new Augusta Park Sports Pavilion. The new sports pavilion is a fantastic facility for Augusta Park and will become an important asset for Andover.

I am currently working with the Parish Council Chairman and the Augusta Park Community Association on the siting of some additional benches within the Parish. As ever, if there is anything you wish me to follow up on then please let me know'.

County Cllr. Tim Rolt advised members that the drainage has been fixed at Little London and that works to the path leading to Finkley

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Down Farm has been fully funded by Hampshire County Council. He advised that the current lack of street lights along the Smannell Road is attributable to a fault in the lighting cabling underground and the deadline for remedial works to be undertaken is 2 June 2016. He concluded his report stating that permission has been given for the construction of a new primary school.

**707. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

The Chairman advised that he is in discussion with the Test Valley Borough Council concerning the purchase of benches for deployment at Augusta Park. He has received details of the Westbourne Seat, (which was recommended by Test Valley Borough Council) which is a heavy duty seat and is suitable for landscape schemes. It can be purchased from 'Streetmaster' at £750 plus VAT including delivery. Installation is an additional £100 per seat. Members examined the tabled illustration. It was considered that the bench would need to have a fixed root fixing to ensure it is adequately secured. The suggestion was to purchase three such seats and members agreed in principle to the bench design. Cllr. Mark Hurrell stated he would make enquiries to see if he can obtain a discount to the price quoted.

**ACTION**

Cllr Mark Hurrell to make his enquiries and establish if he can obtain a discount to the Westbourne Seat to the price quoted.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35 hours.