

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 14 APRIL 2015 AT THE SMANNELL & ENHAM  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, SMANNELL**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. Dini Thorne

**593. APOLOGIES**

None received.

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

A member of the public expressed his concern as to the condition of the road from Little London to Frenches Farm lodge. He described the road as being covered in pot holes and that it requires urgent attention. County Cllr. Tim Rolt agreed to chase this matter and ensure the area concerned appears on the resurfacing list for consideration.

**ACTION**

County Cllr. Tim Rolt to chase remedial works for the road condition from Little London to Frenches Farm lodge and that this appears on the resurfacing list.

A member of the public enquired as to the current position with respect to damage incurred to his vehicle as a result of the Parish Council owned noticeboard door falling on his vehicle. A quotation for remedial works to damage has been received costing £600.00. Members agreed that works be carried out for this sum and that the member of the public should not be inconvenienced.

The question of the frequency of Parish Council meetings was raised by a member of the public and members briefly discussed this, agreeing to keep meetings on a bi-monthly basis.

A member of the public sought clarification of the Parish boundary, which was explained.

It was reported that some 16 bin bags at the 'Dirt Track', through the woods at Little London, have been dumped and it was assumed they contained garden waste.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to approach Borough Cllr. Phil North with a view to Test Valley Borough Council arranging the removal of the 16 bin bags.

**595. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

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**596. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 2 MARCH 2014**

The Chairman sought updates from the various action points arising from the previous Minutes, which had all been sanctioned and carried out. County Cllr. Tim Rolt provided a brief report on the action points assigned to him. He was able to advise that he is awaiting an answer as to the issue regarding the kissing gate, a new sign has been ordered and he noted that the 30mph sign along the Stoke Road has been hit and needs attention.

With reference to the 20mph signage and potential enforcement, members felt it was appropriate to ask County Cllr. Tim Rolt to request a 20mph speed limit.

**ACTION**

County Cllr. Tim Rolt to enquire with Hampshire County Council as to obtaining a 20mph speed limit through Little London.

With regard to broadband provision, the Chairman reported that he spoke to Glen Pacey about fast broadband service. He was not in a position to make guarantees about the future other than saying the service would continue. He was not able to say what speed it would be at, but said that the providers in his email to you (e.g. talktalk) would charge their standard superfast rates, which you can get from the internet. The timing would be before 2018. When asked if the rates would be as good or better than current speeds he was not able to commit, however, in talking, he referred to them being high.

There were no outstanding points to pursue or matters arising from the action points of the last meeting.

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Rod Bowker, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried. The Chairman signed the Minutes as being a true and correct record.

**597. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The correspondence list previously circulated was considered and noted by members.

**598. TO CONSIDER GRANTS TOWARDS THE AUGUSTA PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING**

The Chairman reported on a grant request received from the Augusta Park Community Association to be match-funded with Test Valley Borough Council. He reported that the new community centre on Augusta Park has now been built and the APCA will take on the management of the centre when a lease has been agreed between APCA and TVBC. It is likely that this will occur in the next month. The community centre will be handed over to APCA as an empty building,

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furniture and fittings will need to be purchased by the community association. APCA have prepared a provisional list of equipment that is required for the centre to open with estimated costs. This list will be finalised when the Trustees have regular access to the centre to confirm that the items are fit for purpose.

APCA have been awarded £11,900 from TVBC's Community Asset Fund for community centre equipment. This must be match funded by other grants / fundraising. At present, APCA have been awarded the following to match these funds, £1,500 from Sovereign Housing, £1,833 from HCC Community Grants Scheme (specifically equipment for a coffee shop) and £2,000 from the TVBC small community projects scheme. APCA would like to request £5,000 from Smannell Parish Council to add to these grants, which would give the community association £10,333 towards the £11,900 target of matched funds.

Members considered the request carefully and unanimously agreed that a grant of £5,000 should be made to APCA for community centre equipment subject strictly to itemised accounting on how the monies have been spent and a formal invoice being raised requesting the funding.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to advise APCA that a sum of £5,000 has been agreed for community centre equipment at the Augusta Park on condition of an invoice being raised.

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

The finance schedule detailing the expenditure of the Parish Council was circulated and considered by Members. The schedule amounted to a total of £872.33. This was made up of the annual dog bin clearance 2014/2015 to Test Valley Borough Council for £662.33, £90.00 representing a refund to the Parish Clerk for PAYE paid personally and the Parish Clerk's salary for March for £120.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. Tim Bilborough, Seconded by Cllr. Rod Bowker and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payment finance schedule as prescribed. Motion Carried.

**600. TO UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Chairman explained that he has applied for a grant from the British Heart Foundation towards a defibrillator. He confirmed that the Parish Council is looking to install three defibrillators of which one would be at the new Augusta Park Community Centre. He has discussed this with Nicky Armstrong of the APCA and Kristina Choules of the Community Centre and they support the project. The equipment would be installed on the exterior wall of the Centre and would require a power supply

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thought the wall. All costs including the supply of electricity to the relevant cabinet would be for the parish council's account.

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

Cllr. Tim Bilborough reported there was little to update on the work of the LLPF at the present time. The next meeting of the LLPF committee is scheduled to take place on 20 April 2015 at which arrangements for the forthcoming fete, fireworks and Christmas Lights will be discussed. He commented that an invoice for the Christmas Tree is due and the Chairman asked for the invoice to be submitted for payment.

**602. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Clerk advised that there was one planning application 15/00729/FULLN for the Northern Local Centre Site, East Anton Farm Road for the erection of a two and a half storey, mixed use building comprising of 760 square metres (gross internal area) commercial floorspace (Use classes A1, A2, A3, A5 and B1a) and 20 dwellings, a local recycling centre, access, car and cycle parking, waste storage and associated infrastructure and landscape.

The Chairman felt it was appropriate to make enquiries with members of the public and establish their thoughts towards the planning application and to determine this application via e-mail from members and defer accordingly. Members agreed with this proposed course of action.

**ACTION**

The Chairman to consult members per e-mail and advise the Parish Clerk on determination of planning application 15/00729/FULLN.

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

The Parish Clerk advised members that Anne-Marie Jones is no longer a school governor. Borough Cllr. Phil North reported that he had just come from a school governors meeting and advised that the school is considering replacing the fencing around the site by the Summer. He provided an example of the type of bow-top fencing to be used and members were not enamoured with the example and requested that this be conveyed to the school governors accordingly.

**ACTION**

Borough Cllr. Phil North to advise the school governors of the Parish Council dissatisfaction with the example of the bow-top fencing to be erected around the school site.

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**604. FOOTPATHS AND ROADS UPDATE**

The Chairman advised that the proposed Smannell Road pedestrian access footway improvements is with Steve Raw and will be discussed in due course at the next available TVBC/HCC meeting for consideration. It was noted that Ashley Copse has recently been cleared but members remarked that there are nettles and weeds that still require strimming.

**605. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Borough Cllr. Phil North apologised for not having been able to attend the earlier Annual Parish Assembly. He paid tribute to the Chairman and members of the Parish Council on a successful year and that it has been good to work with the Parish Council. He highlighted a request for the provision of further dog bins in some areas and locations within the Augusta Park Community Centre.

County Cllr. Tim Rolt reported that he has e-mailed Andy Harding and Paul Walsh regarding the following:

- 'No Through Road' sign for Little London to be replaced, as it is faded;
- The existing village sign for 'Little London' with a view to moving it to a more suitable location to ensure visibility;
- The issue of filling- in the overrun on the edges of the newly laid road (Green Drove) between Little London and the A343. The road itself is holding up very well but the ruts from the overrun are getting quite deep, presumably caused by heavy lorries. County Cllr. Tim Rolt advised that he has visited the site and walked over the stretches in question and has discussed the matter with Andy Harding. It appears that it is not the policy to fill in the overrun at the edges, due to the need to let water drain away off the carriageway. County Cllr. Tim Rolt felt it would be better to mitigate the effects of the ruts by carrying out infilling to best improve the current situation. He stated he would urge Hampshire County Council to carry out some kind of remedial work as layering is not working.

**606. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr. Richard Budge commented that the new neighbourhood watch signs were kindly provided by Andrew Green and that it would be a good gesture for the Parish Council to show appreciation to buy him a couple of bottles of wine. Members concurred with this view.

The Chairman thanked the current serving members for their past 4 year commitment as Parish Councillors. He specifically thanked Cllr. Richard Budge and Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and a vote of thanks was given to them as retiring Councillors.

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting and the ordinary May Parish Council meeting scheduled to take place on 11 May 2015 at 7.15pm

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.26 hours.