

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2011 AT THE SMANNELL AND
ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Simon Jackson. Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. John Page (Chairman)

In attendance: County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Phil North

240. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Rod Bowker.
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

241. TO CO-OPT A SERVING COUNCILLOR TO THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk reported that he was in receipt of two applications to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council. Members felt that as Dini Thorne could not be present at this meeting, her application be deferred for formal consideration and co-option at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman invited Nick Kinloch to give a brief summary for his reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor. It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to co-opt Nick Kinloch as a serving councillor. Motion Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr. Nick Kinloch signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Parish Clerk.

242. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public raised the issue of the proposed planting in parcel A specifically in area E2 on the formal plans. He commented that as far as he was aware about the sequence of planting now that Wimpy were no longer proceeding with the southern half of development. He was under the impression that the contract had been let to cover all of the northern half detailed in the drawings. He was specifically interested in the screening around the playing field and obviously the Wimpy and Bellway operating sites. He sought clarification as to what specification is being worked on. Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would enquire with Jason Owen as to the latest position.

ACTION

Borough Cllr. Phil North stated he would pursue clarification on the issue of proposed planting in parcel A and report back.

In pursuance of Minute 228 concerning white lining, it was remarked upon that the edge of newly laid roads are eroding away and discussion ensued as to how to define the edge of a road for white

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lining purposes. It was felt that action was required to demark the edge. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated that no white line would be placed along the centre of any road in Smannell as they are too narrow.

243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

244. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 3 OCTOBER 2011

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

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

In pursuance to Minute 228, County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that she did have a site visit with John Clark who took notes accordingly and examined the turning points around the A343 and around Frenches Farm. She reported that she has brokered a meeting with Amey engineers and officers for 8 December 2011 to discuss issues of works not being carried out or to a satisfactory standard. As regards the issues regarding soakaways, she has been advised that the equipment normally used for cleansing soakaways is currently out of commission and acknowledged that they flood every time it rains hard. She stated she would be seeking explanations and remedies at the meeting on 8 December 2011.

The issue of sight lines outside The Oak was discussed by members and considered satisfactory by John Clark. Members did not feel they were safe and it was felt a meeting between members was necessary to observe and consider the area on 11 December at Midday. Cllr. John Page stated he would approach Will Brook to look at the hedges and trim accordingly as regards visibility.

ACTION

Cllr. John Page to approach Will Brook and ask him to examine the hedges around The Oak with a view to improving sight lines and visibility in the interests of safety.

Further to Minute 235 regarding the erection of a mast to enable broadband, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge expressed his concerns with regard to a formal lack of consultation on the part of Hampshire County Council and remained concerned as to the health and safety impact of the mast.

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ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Glyn Paton (Hampshire County Council) who previously gave a talk to the Parish Council on the subject of broadband provision to enquire on the latest position with regard to the mast.

245. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted.

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

The Parish Clerk distributed the finance schedule, which amounted to £1,656.84 and was made up as follows: £450.00 to Test Valley Borough Council for grounds maintenance work, £710.78 to Cllr. Rod Bowker representing payments he had personally made in respect of the fireworks event, roof remedial works and the Christmas tree, £3.00 parking expenses for Cllr. John Page for attendance in Winchester, £120.00 representing the Parish Clerk's October salary, £101.96 for Jonathan Blake for Website hosting facilities, £120.00 for the Parish Clerk's November Salary, £151.10 representing a refund for a Website package to improve the Website. It was Proposed by Cllr. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Sam Jackson and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

247. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None recorded.

248. TO UPDATE ON THE ENHAM WOODLAND PROJECT

The Parish Clerk reported that to the best of his knowledge this matter is not being progressed.

249. TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARISH BOUNDARIES

The Chairman reported that he did attend a meeting brokered by the Parish Clerk between himself, the Chairman of Enham Alamein Parish Council and the Chairman of Andover Town Council. He reported that it was a productive meeting. Concerns were expressed that the number of new houses being built at Augusta Park represented a significant increase in the number of dwellings in each of these parishes, in particular Smannell. This increase is likely to be more than sufficient to substantially change the nature of the Parish. It was considered that the new residents on Augusta Park think they live in Andover. With this in mind, views were expressed that those people who think they live in Andover should, baring exceptional circumstances, be represented by Andover. Therefore, a redrawn boundary would ensure that the distinct characteristics of both Smannell and Enham remain intact. Such a broad approach was accepted by all of us.

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There is a boundary review due in the next year or two, which will no doubt involve the local Parishes as well as Test Valley Borough Council and encourage them to make submissions on specific proposals from the Boundary Commission nearer the time.

The Chairman stated that the intention is for the three parish councils to request the boundaries to be re-drawn reflecting Augusta Park to be moved in 2015 to Andover and therefore losing the settlement of East Anton.

ACTION

That the subject of the parish boundary be an agenda matter for the January Full Council meeting at which the concept for a draft letter to be written from the three parish councils (assuming agreement) to Tom van der Hoven at Test Valley Borough Council proposing that the boundary is re-drawn to reflect Augusta Park being in Andover in 2015 and therefore Smannell Parish Council losing East Anton.

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

None received.

251. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that she has a meeting with officers and the Senior Director of Amey to discuss highway matters and to explore improvements.

Borough Cllr. Phil North reported on the core strategy, which will imminently be out for public consultation between 6 January 2012 and 17 February 2012. It sets out the Test Valley Borough Council vision for the next 20 years. He reported that local gaps remain in the core strategy and that there are no further housing development planned in the Alamein Ward. He stated he would send the link to the on-line consultation to the Parish Clerk to distribute. He touched on the recent industrial action by local government workers and stated that this had little impact on service delivery by the Borough Council. The Christmas bin collection will be shifted by one day.

252. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr. Sam Jackson mentioned the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the suggestion was made to involve Augusta Park. Members acknowledged that this will require discussion early next year.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.51 hours.