

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 16 JANUARY 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. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. Dini Thorne

253. APOLOGIES

County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

254. TO ELECT A SERVING CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2011/2012 FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN.

The Parish Clerk formally reported that John Page has resigned his post as Councillor and in so doing his position as Chairman. In accordance with the law, it was Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Rod Bowker be elected as the serving Chairman of the Parish Council. Motion Carried. Cllr. Rod Bowker signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Parish Council in the presence of the Parish Clerk.

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

The Parish Clerk reported that Dini Thorne had expressed a wish to serve as a Parish Councillor and wished to be considered for co-option at this meeting.

The Chairman invited Dini Thorne to give a brief summary for her reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor. It was Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and unanimously agreed to co-opt Dini Thorne as a serving councillor forthwith. Motion Carried.

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

256. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the public raised the issue of visitors frequenting properties in Little London who do not live in the parish, parking obstructively outside garages and using the private car park owned by Test Valley Borough Council. He felt the ideal situation would be to erect appropriate signage warning against the use of the car park by third parties.

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ACTION

Cllr. Sam Jackson stated he would ensure a notice to the effect that the car park is indeed private and should be used by residents only in the next Parish Oak. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Test Valley Borough Council accordingly and enquire as to the feasibility of signage or enforcement.

An enquiry was made as to the existence and extent of the value of previously raised funds for the Millennium Fund. Members discussed this and concluded that an amount of £495 should be ring-fenced in the accounts and clearly identified as such.

257. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

258. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 5 DECEMBER 2011

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

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

In pursuance to Minute 244, Cllr. Richard Budge reported on a recent site visit that took place examining sight lines and turning points around the crossroads at The Oak. He believed that those attending may have been examining the turning points from the wrong angle.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was asked to chase County Cllr. Pam Mutton for an update statement as to the situation.

Further to Minute 246, regarding the broadband mast and aerial, Members asked that the Parish Clerk thank Glyn Paton for his response and to express the wish that future works are limited to an inconsequential nature.

259. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to a written request received for a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard for Enham/Smannell for a suggested sum of £400 for the financial year 2011/2012 and £500 for 2012/2013. Members unanimously agreed to such a request.

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

The Parish Clerk distributed the finance schedule, which amounted to £210.00 and was made up as follows: £90.00 for HMRC representing PAYE payment for the quarter and £120.00 representing the Parish Clerk's December Salary. It was Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

261. TO APPROVE A BUDGET FOR THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

As part of budget discussions, members felt it was important to ensure that an updated list of potential S106 developer's contributions is held by Test Valley Borough Council. To this end, the Chairman felt it was important to call a meeting and ensure that all envisaged projects are listed.

ACTION

The Chairman stated he would call a meeting among members and in the meantime the Parish Clerk was asked to circulate the current S106 project list.

The budget was discussed in some detail and members felt it was appropriate to increase potential donations to the Parish Council to an estimate of £650.00 and to increase the firework budget to £1,000.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Nick Kinloch and unanimously agreed that a precept level requirement of £11,746 be set yielding a zero increase and an average Council Tax Band D of £18.32. Motion Carried.

262. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None recorded. Members felt that planning applications should be viewed on-line and comments be returned to the Parish Clerk to allow commentary to be returned to Test Valley Borough Council as part of e-governance. It was unanimously agreed to institute such a system forthwith.

263. TO DISCUSS PARISH BOUNDARIES

The Parish Clerk reiterated to Members the details of a recent meeting brokered by the Parish Clerk between himself, the Chairman of Enham Alamein Parish Council and the Chairman of Andover Town Council. The meeting was productive and 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 the parishes, especially 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 believe they live in Andover. With

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this in mind, people who feel they live in Andover should, barring 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.

The Chairman commented that he has noticed in the recent Core Strategy DPD that South/South East of Finkley Road is not shown as part of the gap and should be included. Accordingly, he felt that it was important that the Parish Council highlights this issue and establishes what the status of this area is. Members felt that as this was a consultation document this should form part of a response to the documents.

ACTION

Members unanimously felt that the draft letter containing the viewpoint specified including the principle 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 be sent to the Chairman of Enham Alamein Parish Council and Andover Town Council for agreement and then sending the letter ultimately to Test Valley Borough Council.

264. TO DISCUSS DIAMOND JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

The Parish Clerk advised members that Hampshire County Council is offering a free oak tree and potentially additional oak trees as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Members felt that they would take all the trees on offer and decide the location later. A discussion ensued as to what events could be undertaken such as a BBQ and what souvenirs could potentially be purchased. Members felt this needed to be deferred to the February Full Council meeting but in the meantime, it was important to have concrete ideas and a plan for action. A possible idea of arranging a street party at Little London was discussed as an example. Members felt it essential that Augusta Park be included in any event arrangement. Comment was made as to whether people are prepared to help and whether there is an appetite for a party. As regarded the inclusion of Augusta Park, Members felt it was appropriate to contact Sharon Goodridge to discuss potential arrangements.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk was instructed to order the free trees available from Hampshire County Council accordingly. Cllr. Dini Thorne stated she would e-mail Sharon Goodridge and discuss the matter of diamond jubilee arrangements.

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

None received.

266. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

The Parish Clerk read a prepared report received from Borough Cllr. Phil North.

'I cannot be at the Parish Council tonight - I have a TVBC meeting in Romsey. I would like to put on public record my thanks to the outgoing Chairman, John Page, who has done so much for the villages of Smannell & Little London and for his service as Chairman. I suspect I join all of you in wishing him well on his move to France.

Secondly, and following on from my verbal report at the previous Parish Council meeting, I just wanted to remind you that the consultation has now opened on the Core Strategy. TVBC's planning document for the next 20 years. You will remember that the Council are going to produce two Development Plan Documents in tandem. First, the Core Strategy Development Plan Document which will include proposed locations identified for possible future development. It also includes a number of 'development management policies' which will be used in the consideration of new planning applications.

The Designation DPD produced alongside it will contain the settlement boundaries, local gap boundaries and other designations used to inform the Core Strategy and determining planning applications. Through consultation, your Borough Councillors have ensured that the Local Gap between Andover and Enham Alamein, or what is left of it, will be protected. Alamein Ward has already taken its fair share of housing at East Anton and it is important we protect the remaining local gaps wherever possible. Upholding the identity of our villages is of paramount importance.

As I said at the last meeting - I do wish to draw your attention to proposals in the Core Strategy to develop the land North of Saxon Fields. This isn't in Alamein Ward – but is close by. The public consultation closes at 4:30pm on the 17th February 2012 and you need to get your comments in before this date. The documents are on the website and the Council will be displaying the documents along with an officer to answer any questions in the Guildhall, 2pm - 9pm on the 30th and 31st January.

Lastly - I notice on your agenda tonight that you are discussing arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee. I do not yet know what you plans are for this event - but as per the Royal Wedding, Test Valley have confirmed that the simplified application process for road closures will remain to allow communities to celebrate the last sixty years of

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Queen Elizabeth II's reign. If you are planning on closing a road the application process is free. As well as this the Council also has limited supplies of road closure signs to lend as long you ask in advance and can collect and return them."

The Parish Clerk also passed on the comments of Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley which echoes the comments made by Borough Cllr. Phil North and also wished John Page well for the future.

267. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

The Chairman commented upon litter along footpath 712 along the boundary of the development up to Little London. The litter should be removed and kept under review and should be part of enforcement by Test Valley Borough Council but as part of conditions they are required to monitor accordingly.

Cllr. Dini Thorne reported that the junction past the school and the pub does need to be organised as it is very dangerous especially coming from the Finkley direction. Members stated this matter is being investigated by County Cllr. Pam Mutton.

Cllr. Sam Jackson stated that the bark at the playing field is not sufficiently deep and does require replenishing. Cllr. Sam Jackson stated he would check the matter with Allen Mitchener. He also raised the matter of the telephone box at Frenches Farm Lane, Little London which has no doors and enquired as to protocol for its maintenance and possible adoption especially as there is a noticeboard next to the phone box. The Parish Clerk stated he would investigate this.

The Parish Clerk circulated quotations received from Test Valley Borough Council as to additional dog bin placements at the Cinder Track and referred to the costings. Members felt that this was not a matter that needed to be pursued at this time.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.31 hours.