

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council Meeting held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 4 April 2011

Members Present: Cllr. Phil Duke, Cllr. David Jarman, Cllr. John Page (Chairman), Cllr. Ian Richardson, Cllr. Stephen West

In attendance

Borough Cllr. Len Gates
Anne-Marie Jones
Debbie Burgess

154. Apologies

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley
County Cllr, Pam Mutton

155. Public Questions not on the Agenda

A member of the public raised the matter of a grit bin that requires to be cited next to the phone box at Ridges View. Members of the Council stated that such a request needs to be referred to Keith Thompson.

ACTION

That the Parish Clerk contacts Keith Thompson direct to advise for the need of an additional grit bin placement.

Reference was made to the storm drains and ditches that need attention as they are blocked at the Frenches Farm location. Members requested that this matter be referred to John Clarke in addition to the woodland area that also needs attention between Little London & Frenches Cottage.

ACTION

That the Parish Clerk contacts John Clarke and advises him of the need for the remedial works to be carried out at the locations stated.

The issue of paying the deposit for the fireworks to Smart Pyrotechnics was discussed. Members expressed their concern over the fireworks and the commitment of paying over such monies due to the risk of new councillors perhaps not being able to secure committee agreement to proceed with the planned event. After some debate. It was Proposed by Cllr. Stephen West, Seconded by Cllr. Ian Richardson that the deposit of £200.00 be paid to Smart Pyrotechnics to secure their services for the November Fireworks Display. 3 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

Attendees were reminded that the Quiz Evening is taking place on 16 April 2011.

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- 156. Declarations of Interest**
None recorded

- 157. To Read and Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 7 March 2011**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Stephen West, Seconded by Cllr. Ian Richardson and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

Further to Minute 150 concerning the traffic/speed survey and Mayur Patel, it was reported that County Cllr. Pam Mutton chased Mayur Patel regarding the traffic/speed survey. The matter has been discussed and will be progressed as a Community Aspiration scheme for consideration in a future works programme by Hampshire County Council with a priority for progression in a programme as part of the Test Valley Hampshire Action Team.

- 158. Correspondence Received**

All previous correspondence had been circulated among councillors and no matters were raised.

- 159. To receive a report from the Smannell & Enham Primary School**

Anne-Marie Jones reported on a letter addressed to the Parish Council from Julie Winning regarding the Smannell and Enham School and the Oak Public House. Discussion has taken place over the use of the car park by the parents and the behaviour of the children as they walk to and from the cars. The tenants are happy for parents to park on a Friday. The Head has spoken with all the children in school regarding the need to respect the car park as private property belonging to the pub. A letter is due to be sent to all parents reiterating the agreement and informing them that they will be able to park from Monday to Friday after Easter,

- 160. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council and report on the latest financial position of the Parish Council**

The Parish Clerk reported on the parish council accounts position and the projected residual amount in Parish Council accounts following the statutory reclaim of VAT as at 31 March 2011.

Payments due were for ATF Supplies for bark at £256.96, £90.00 representing the Parish Clerk's PAYE and the Parish Clerk's salary for March of £120.00. It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Ian Richardson and

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unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payments as listed amounting to £466.96. Motion Carried.

161. To determine planning applications

None recorded.

162. To provide an update on footpaths and roads

The Chairman reported on the recent collaboration between representatives of the Parish Council and that of Enham Alamein Parish Council concerning the works at the Cinder Track. The work was to level the path surface, which has almost been completed and this took place on 2 April 2011. Cllr. John Page stated there may be a need for some additional works but there are no plans for this at the present time.

163. To provide an update on the playing fields

Cllr., Stephen West reported that the bark pit has been dug for the orbiter space frame. The play bark has been delivered and the timber has been supplied for the cabin repairs. The requisite health and safety reports have been completed for the Orbiter space frame and are current. The quiz evening is scheduled for 16 April 2011, the Music in the Park for 16 July 2011 and the parish BBQ for 15 July 2011. Members stated that a formal opening date needs to be set for the play area.

164. Borough and County Council Reports

Borough Cllr. Len Gates reported that there have been no council meetings since his last report. He did, however, state that Test Valley Borough Council has resolved to waive the £25.00 street party for the Royal Wedding celebrations. Test Valley Borough Council has also declined to follow-up the potential moving of the Cenotaph.

165. Councillors Questions

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05 hours.