

# **SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council Meeting held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 6 September 2010**

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr. Pam Mutton  
Borough Cllr. Len Gates

**59. Apologies**

Cllr. Phil Duke  
Cllr. Janet Whiteley  
Cllr. Phil North

**60. Public Questions not on the Agenda**

Issues regarding 30mph repeater speed limit signage were discussed. Concerns were expressed as regards the safety of the current 60mph signage by the entrance to the playing fields. Opinions were expressed as to obtaining consent for an extension of the existing 30mph signage. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated that she would discuss this matter with Test Valley Borough Council and make this point with Hampshire County Council. Cllr. John Page offered to investigate the feasibility of the 30mph extension.

**61. Declarations of Interest**

None recorded

**62. To Read and Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 9 August 2010**

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

By way of update, Cllr. John Page reported that a new sign has been erected at Woodhouse Lane.

**63. Correspondence Received**

All previous correspondence has been circulated among councillors.

**64. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council**

The Parish Clerk reported that one payment was due, that of the Parish Clerk amounting to £120.00, which included the NETT amount less 20% Basic Rate. A cheque for the total sum of

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£120.00 was raised. It was Proposed by Cllr. Stephen West, Seconded by Cllr. David Jarman unanimously agreed to agree the cheque payment of £120.00. Motion Carried.

**65. To determine Planning Applications**

There were two planning applications for determination.

1 Shears Road, Andover, 10/01926/FULLN – Erection of dwelling (amended design to include erection of conservatory) – No Objection.

Land at East Anton, Smannell Road, 10/01870/RESN – Erection of 164 dwellings and garages and associated works (parcels F and G1 of TVN.09258) – Objection. The Parish Council expressed concern on the poor location and no account taken for contours. As a result this will make the taller buildings visually intrusive into the surrounding countryside and the North Wessex Downs AONB. Concerns were also expressed as to the adequacy of the off-street parking.

**66. To receive an update and discuss the future relationship between Little London Play Field Association and the Parish Council**

It was explained that prior to this meeting, a number of options and their implications for the future relationship have been circulated. Members of the LLPFA felt that the best way forward was to decide to choose Option 2, which was to become a committee under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. In so doing a discussion ensued regarding suitable and relevant terms of reference for the committee to include representation from LLPFA and some members from the Parish Council. Parish Council members felt it was important that a suitable template be forwarded to the LLPFA and for the LLPFA to produce a draft prior to the October Full Council meeting of the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was asked to forward a template to the LLPFA to help them produce a working document.

A discussion ensued concerning replacement of the old play equipment with new and it was explained that in accordance with audit regulations, three quotations will be needed. Cllr. Stephen West felt it was also important to establish the insurance position in respect of public liability and associated additional cost implications once all matters are in place and settled.

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Issues of funding arrangements were discussed and the Parish Clerk was asked to check with Bob Wheadon that £1,700 has been ring-fenced towards new play equipment.

It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Stephen West and unanimously agreed to accept Option 2 and for the LLPFA to become a committee of the Parish Council subject to a working terms of reference as stated. Motion Carried.

**67. To discuss the Smannell Parish Council Website**

The Chairman felt it was essential that the new Smannell Parish Council Website features links with key authorities. He appealed to fellow members to look at the Website and suggest improvements and any necessary changes to the featured tabs. He commented that photographs are needed and the parish plan should feature. In addition, the suggestion was made to include playing field events. Members stated they would consider the website accordingly.

**68. To receive a report from the Smannell and Enham Primary School**

Anne-Marie Jones commented that there was nothing significant to report other than the envisaged landscaping project, which may well go ahead.

**69. Borough and County Council Reports**

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated that she has a meeting scheduled with Test Valley Borough Council regarding road maintenance for the forthcoming winter months. She stressed the importance of the Parish Council in identifying potential projects for submission to Test Valley Borough Council for funding via Section 106 developers contributions. The Chairman requested that members compile a list of community projects for consideration as an agenda item for the October Full Council meeting.

Borough Cllr. Len Gates reported on consultation on the concessionary fare scheme, which has been extended for a further two weeks. He has had a number of meetings with TVBC cabinet members on this and the TVBC response has gone back with the following three prioritised – free travel on dial-a-ride schemes, companion passes for disabled residents unable to travel alone and travel tokens for disabled residents unable to use buses. In addition, it is going to be reported to HCC that the TVBC scheme is necessary and appropriate for the area and that all discretionary elements retained. The matter will be debated at the forthcoming Thursday's full council meeting.

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TVBC is considering taking on additional powers to manage abandoned shopping trolleys and welcomes comments from the public. Full details are on the council website.

**70. Councillors Questions**

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.52 hours.