

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 9 May 2011

Members Present: Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. John Page (Chairman)

In attendance

County Cllr. Pam Mutton

Phil Duke

Anne-Marie Jones

171. Apologies and Receive the Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr. Rod Bowker

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

Borough Cllr. Phil North

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

Parish Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Parish Clerk.

172. Public Question not on the Agenda

None recorded.

173. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

174. Correspondence Received

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

175. To receive a report from the Smannell & Enham Primary School

Anne-Marie Jones stated there was nothing especially to report other than bouquets from a previous celebration remain and were not taken down from having been attached to lamp-posts.

176. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council and update on the latest financial position of the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk explained that as a result of members stepping down before the elections, this has resulted in the loss of signatories for the operation of the bank account. Arrangements are in hand for the requisite forms to be completed. As invoices require payment approaching the standard 30 days, the Parish Clerk stated he would personally pay the suppliers and seek recompense from the Parish Council as soon as the new signatories are confirmed. The Invoices due for payment were: Aon Limited for the insurance renewal £347.17, J. Humphry Associates for the

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preparation of the final accounts for £312.00 and ATF for the 600x400mm special sign for the play area for £110.38. The total amounts due were £769.55. The Parish Clerk reported on the latest position of the bank accounts and that the annual VAT remittance has been received of £1,018.55. It was Proposed by Cllr. John Page, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

177. To determine planning applications

None received.

178. To provide an update on footpaths and roads

It was reported that the road from the school through to Little London is being resurfaced but it was unclear as to the exact time frame. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would investigate this further.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would investigate the timeframe of the road works from Smannell to Little London.

Cllr. John Page reported that the footpath side of Ashley Copse has been cut. There was general agreement that the footpaths around Ridges Copse have disappeared and are difficult to locate and that the footpaths need to be properly indicated by Wessex Woodland.

179. To provide an update on the playing fields

A discussion ensued regarding which body will ultimately have full responsibility for the playing fields at Augusta Park. There has been much discussion regarding devolvement and what the ultimate intentions are between the developer and Test Valley Borough Council. County Cllr. Pam Mutton suggested that a meeting is set up between the members of the Parish Council and Paul Jackson and/or Stephen Lees/Carol Moore at Test Valley Borough Council to establish and extract a formal response as to the current position. Cllr. John Page stated that he would undertake to contact Test Valley Borough Council and set up such a meeting.

ACTION

Cllr. John Page agreed to contact Test Valley Borough Council and set up a meeting with key personnel to establish and discuss responsibility for the various playing fields at Augusta Park and the new development in general.

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180. Borough and County Council Reports

In the absence of Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley, the Parish Clerk referred to a report she had prepared. She wished to offer her congratulations to the new Parish Council and in particular Cllr. John Page for his continued commitment to Smannell Parish Council. It was reported that she looked forward to working with all members of the Parish Council. She wished to thank the Parish Clerk for his efficiency at all times. Finally, she referred to her recent attendance at a meeting of the Passenger Transport/Bus review.

In the absence of Borough Cllr. Phil North, the Parish Clerk referred to a report that Borough Cllr. Phil North had prepared. He wished to congratulate all of the new Parish Councillors for Smannell and looked forward to working with members. He wished to extend congratulations and thanks to Chairman John Page and looked forward to continuing to work with members.

At a recent meeting, Borough Cllr. Phil North was asked about the proposed traffic survey in Little London to gather evidence to see if the 30mph zone could be extended. He previously reported back from Mayur Patel - that this should take place (by now should have already taken place) in April. He has followed this up with Mayur to find out if this did happen and what conclusions were drawn. As soon as a response has been received, Borough Cllr. Phil North will let members know further details.

Mention was made of Chris Lynn involvement with the development of a register of volunteers. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated she would pass on further details.

ACTION

County Cllr. Pam Mutton to pass details of a voluntary register to the Parish Clerk.

181. Councillors Questions

Comment was made as to the potential bus routes and how they will work operating and serving Augusta Park. It was felt that this matter be referred to Borough Cllr. Phil North.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to contact Borough Cllr. Phil North to investigate how bus routes will operate and serve Augusta Park.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.54 hours.