

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council Meeting held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 9 August 2010

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

In attendance: County Cllr. Len Gates

47. Apologies

Cllr. Janet Whiteley
Cllr. Phil North
County Cllr. Pam Mutton

48. Public Questions not on the Agenda

None recorded.

49. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

50. To Read and Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 5 July 2010

The subject of some remaining blocked drains in Little London was discussed and it was felt these be drawn to the attention of John Clark and it was agreed that the worst of the drains have been cleared as have the pot holes.

The Chairman was pleased to report that following his enquiries with Sharon Goodridge, agreement has been reached to provide a noticeboard in the community centre.

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

51. Correspondence Received

All previous correspondence has been circulated among councillors.

52. 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 £120.00 was raised. A refund payable to the Chairman for £8.00 was presented representing payment made to HM Land Registry. It was Proposed by Cllr. Stephen West, Seconded by Cllr. Phil Duke and unanimously agreed to agree the cheque payment of £120.00 and £8.00 respectively. Motion Carried.

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53. To determine Planning Applications

At the time of this meeting, there were no planning applications to determine. A discussion ensued regarding the importance of recording the parish council's requirements in terms of recreational and leisure requirements for the area to attract funding from S106 developers contributions. The Parish Clerk reported that he was in receipt of an e-mail from Test Valley BC requesting updates for future potential projects that could be funded from future developers contributions. The importance of ensuring this is formally recorded was made clear.

Cllr. Phil Duke reported that the Ashley Copse planning application and the site involved has been reclassified as a community development and that the trees nearby have had TPO's served on them.

54. To discuss and update on the Smannell Road Closures

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council submitted its objections and prepared counter arguments. The Chairman also publicly acknowledged the thanks to Cllr. Len Gates for his notable contributions. The final decision is expected in approximately two months time. No further evidence was presented that influenced or changed the position of the Parish Council.

55. To discuss the future relationship between Little London Playing Field and the Parish Council

The Chairman reported to Members and representatives from the LLPFA who were present at the meeting that he was in receipt of a number of questions put to the Parish Council by the LLPFA as regards the future relationship of the LLPFA and the Parish Council. The Chairman read a prepared statement in direct response to the questions posed. He did not invite debate on the responses but asked that the LLPFA members consider the statements carefully at their next committee meeting and to feedback to the September Full Council meeting their views and opinions.

A discussion ensued regarding grants and potential developers contributions for the immediate improvement of the play area at Little London. Members felt it was important to include the project of the replacement of the play area under Section 106 Developers Contributions for a potential grant.

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

The Chairman read a statement prepared by Anne-Marie Jones to members and the public.

She reported upon a burnt out digger of some description in Hungerford Lane. She stated that as the school is currently closed for the summer there was not much to report. The Deputy Headteacher, Tracy Stevens, is involved in the Schools Landscaping Programme produced by Hampshire County Council. A working party is to be set up consisting of teachers, Learning Support Assistants, a governor, children and one or more representatives of the wider community. There is a Steering Group Meeting on Wednesday 8th September at 1pm at the school and the school would be delighted if anybody from the parish would like to attend to find out more.

57. Borough and County Council Reports

Borough Cllr. Len Gates reported on the latest consultation regarding concessionary fares and the proposals for this to be transferred from Test Valley BC to Hampshire County Council as part of a central Government directive. It is still possible to respond to the paper as Test Valley BC wishes to keep all discretionary fares jurisdiction.

Borough Cllr. Len Gates stated that the community car scheme is totally unrelated to the concessionary fares issue and is independent. The Chairman requested that the consultation information be e-mailed to him.

A discussion ensued regarding continued speeding along Icknield Way.

58. Councillors Questions

Members made reference to the poor rural broadband reception and a brief update was provided.

Cllr. Phil Duke referred to the poor visibility exiting from Smannell Road due to hedgerows and that this is a serious road safety issue. It was felt this matter needed be brought to the attention of Hampshire Highways.

Discussion took place on 30mph speed limits in Little London and that signage is missing and that a possible request to extend the 30mph enforcement for the Finkley Road side be

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made to Dave Wilson/County Cllr. Pam Mutton as a traffic calming project.

Concern was expressed that at the top end of Little London where the road goes past the playing field and into the woods has never been marked properly. There is no clear indication that drivers are entering a 30mph limit and there is inadequate signage. Members felt this should be chased with County Cllr. Pam Mutton.

Cllr. Stephen West suggested that the road closure details should appear on the Parish Council website as public information. He suggested that members look at the Website and collate their thoughts and suggestions and this be an agenda item for next month. Members concurred with this view.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.23 hours.