

**Minutes of the Valley Park Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm  
Location: Valley Park Community Centre**

**Present:**

Cllr Mr A Dowden (Chairman)  
Cllr Mr R Bryan  
Cllr Mrs D Green  
Cllr Mrs C Dowden  
Cllr Mr A Beesley  
Cllr Mr C Thom  
Cllr Mr C Anderson

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mr S Cross, Cllr Mrs K Woods-Townsend

**Action**

**45     Declarations of Interest**

**46     Minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed electronically by the Chairman.**

**47     Matters Arising**

The Working Group within the Local Authority, which undertook a review of the county council's current policy for 20 mph speed restrictions, agreed unanimously to allow a trial of 20mph speed initially on Knightwood Road, due to the location of the because of two schools and nursery.

**48     To receive and consider correspondence**

None

**49     Public questions**

None received.

**50     Number of Parish meetings**

The Chairman proposed that the current structure of the Parish meetings changes to holding meetings every other month. The Parish Clerk confirmed that according to the Legislation, the Parish Councils are required to hold four meetings per year (including the Annual meeting of the Council) and the change of structure would abide by the current legislation.

The proposal also mentioned that four meetings be held face to face and two additional meetings can be held online. If needed, extraordinary meetings can be called for urgent matters. The proposed months for the meetings were: January, March, May, July, September, November. March, May and November meetings will be held in person and the other ones would be on Zoom.

All councilors unanimously agreed to the new Parish meetings structure.

**Resolved that:**

**The Parish Council move to the new structure with immediate effect. Information regarding the meetings structure change be posted on the website, noticeboards and in the next issue of the Parish newsletter.**

**51 Accounts**

The Clerk informed councilors of the accounts received since the last meeting.

**Resolved:**

**That the accounts be approved for payment.**

**52 Borough and County Councillor Reports**

Cllr Thom informed councillors that the draft of the Community Emergency Action Plan has been completed and councillors unanimously approved the plan, which is to be reviewed every year.

Cllr Thom informed that Chandler's Ford Help are to wind down the charity over the next few months, but they would continue providing help to vulnerable people.

Cllr Thom informed that Friends of Park are very active and recently planted some trees, using the horses to drag out all the old ash dieback, thus creating less damage.

Cllr Dowden proposed a donation of £500 to the British Red Cross, on behalf of the Valley Park residents (from the Parish Council) to support Ukrainians. Councillors unanimously approved the donation.

**Resolved that:**

**Clerk to arrange donation to British Red Cross (for Ukraine) of £500 on behalf of Valley Park Parish Council and its residents.**

Cllr Dowden highlighted that Valley Park has the lowest parish rate in Test Valley, at £12.96. Cllr Dowden presented a comparison with nearby Parishes. The County Council's tax went up by 2.99% and Test Valley precept was raised by £5 for a Band D. The Valley Park parish council's precept is not only the lowest parish precept it is 33% lower than it was twelve years ago.

Valley Park: £12.96

Nursling and Rownhams : £26.75

North Baddesley: £55.98

Chilworth: £47.97

Ampfield: £45.20

Braishfield: £61.48

Cllr Dowden informed that two bus shelters would be retained and four others would be cleaned.

Cllr Dowden reported that the youngsters at Knightwood skate park are seeking a new roof cover with no seating and no sides. A request was already submitted to TVBC. Councillors unanimously supported the proposal. Cllr Thom and Cllr Dowden suggested they are happy to support with £1,000 from their TVBC Community grant and suggested that TVBC provides the difference.

**Resolved that:**

**The Parish Clerk to contact TVBC and inform about the Parish request.**

Cllr Dowden informed that the CIL bid for the community orchards is to be decided in April.

Councillors discussed purchasing a bench to commemorate the Jubilee year, ideally made by a local resident and place it in a nice location in Valley Park.

**Resolved that:**

**An announcement to be placed on Social Media to ask if a local craftsman can make the bench, as well as ideas of the location of the bench.**

### **53 Planning Applications**

Planning applications were reviewed by the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_