

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE SMANNELL AND ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Mark Hurrell, Cllr. John Pickford, Cllr. Maggie Woodward

In Attendance:

Borough Cllr. Phil North
Anna White
Charlie White

1. APOLOGIES

County Cllr. Kirsty Locke
Cllr. Paddy Burrt,
Cllr. Tim Bilborough

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Charlie and Anna White from Frenches Farm were in attendance to discuss their plans for an outdoor arena. Anna White expressed their upset at receiving communication from a member of the public who is taking exception to the possibility of increased traffic to the livery. Charlie White outlined the plans for the arena, stating that they are moving a grassed outdoor arena space on to a sand base in an alternative location. The plans do not include any kind of floodlighting and will only be lit by solar power. This has been created under the guidance of Basingstoke and Deane planning department. Charlie White assured the Parish Council that this would not increase the number of horses or visitors to the farm, but is simply to provide better facilities to existing users. With this information and having seen the proposal, the Parish Council offered no objections to the plans for an outdoor arena at Frenches Farm.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mark Hurrell declared interest on a planning application on his property.

4. TO OFFER THANKS TO RETIRING VICE-CHAIRMAN CLLR. DINI THORNE

Councillors would like to offer thanks to Cllr. Dini Thorne for her work and continued support to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will send flowers to Cllr. Dini Thorne to offer thanks.

5. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd July 2018

The Chairman referred to the actions from the previous minutes.

Cllr. Rod Bowker has contacted TVBC with regards to the acquisition and installation of dog bins. Cllr. Phil North will follow up.

Action: Cllr. Phil North to follow up on dog bin installation

Cllr. John Pickford proposed using Hugo Fox as a website provider, as used by neighbouring Parish Council's. Hugo Fox offer a free off the shelf template for Parish Council's. Councillors unanimously agreed to the proposal. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Smannell Parish Council hold the domain name smannellparishcouncil.org.uk until May 2019.

Action: Cllr. John Pickford and the Parish Clerk to create login-in for website and begin to collate information to populate website.

The reallocation of the Ridges View sign at Little London is an open action. Cllr. Phil North advised that he had taken a look at the sign and required more information as to the location of the new sign. Cllr. Rod Bowker outlined the requirements of the relocation of the Ridges View sign and Cllr. Phil North will follow up with Cllr. Kirsty Locke.

Action: Cllr. Kirsty Locke to report progress

Cllr. Rod Bowker offered thanks to Cllr. Kirsty Locke for the completion of road strengthening at Green Lane. Cllr. Rod Bowker outlined there may be a need for a sweeper lorry to tidy some of the gravel from the road.

The replacement of dog signage, fencing and cabin roof at LLPF remains an open action.

Action: Cllr. Tim Bilborough to continue to look in to costs for this.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Mark Hurrell, seconded by Cllr. John Pickford and unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None Received.

7. TO APPROVE THE FINANCE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

The Parish Clerk advised Council members of the financial schedule for September, amounting to £938.67. This was made up of £336.00 payable to J Humphries Associates for annual accounts preparation 17/18, £183.40 payable to Cllr. Rod Bowker for re-imbursement of replacement defibrillator pads and flowers for Cllr. Dini Thorne, £39.19 and £59.40 payable to Enham Trust and, £160.33 payable to the Parish Clerk for August salary and £160.33 payable to the Parish Clerk for September salary. It was proposed by Cllr. Mark Hurrell and seconded by Cllr. John Pickford to approve the financial schedule as prescribed. Motion carried.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LLPF COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITIES

Apologies from Cllr. Tim Bilborough, no update at this time.

Cllr. Rod Bowker expressed that the Parish Council were not aware as to who owns the land at Little London Playing Fields. The Parish Clerk presented two letters from archive which demonstrated that LLPFA had agreed to reform as a committee of Smannell Parish Council in 2010 and will fall under the full direction of the Parish Council, however this did not outline trustees or land owners.

Cllr. Rod Bowker asked Cllr. Phil North whether the land registry could be looked in to in order to confirm this information.

Action: Cllr. Phil North to investigate and report findings from Land Registry.

9. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning application for 18/02026/FULLN single storey extension, South Lodge, Finkley Road; Cllr. Mark Hurrell has declared interest, as this is his property. The Parish Council offer no objections.

Planning Application 18/02242/VARN – vary condition of 12/02497/OUTN (outline application for 350 dwellings with access, parking, open space and landscaping including allotments) to reword the condition allowing for noise mitigation measures, surplus Secondary School site, East Anton. The Parish Council offer no objections. .

10. FOOTPATH AND ROADS UPDATE

Cllr. Rod Bowker outlined that he had received communications from members of the public expressing their concerns over the sudden closure of the footpaths through Long Copse and Rag Copse. The Parish Council understand that the land is under new

ownership. Cllr. Rod Bowker has contacted the Rights of Way department at Hampshire County Council and has been advised that as the land has been used with free access for over seventy years this may be able to be claimed as a right of way in order to continue its' use. In order to prove the land has been used freely over a period of time, members of the public can complete a form to provide evidence of using the footpaths without hindrance. Cllr. Rod Bowker is in possession of the forms and as many completed forms as possible are required. Cllr. Rod Bowker advised councillors that the process of claiming a right of way can take many years.

Action: The Parish Council to continue to collect Right of Way forms

Cllr. Rod Bowker to provide information regarding completion of the forms in the Parish Oak and on the Noticeboard

11. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr. Phil North advised that the consultation regarding the footpath between Augusta Park and Smannell has now closed and he awaits the results. Following the results Cllr. Phil North plans to have a meeting with the transport department with regards to the plan moving forward and will report back at the next meeting.
Apologies from Cllr. Kirsty Locke.

12. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr. John Pickford raised concerns that if the road opens between Augusta Park and Finkley Road, the quickest route from the A343 to A303 will be through Little London and Smannell. Cllr. John Pickford expressed that there are already issues with speeding in these areas and that there would be a serious need for traffic calming measures to be put in place. Cllr. Phil North confirmed that there are plans to open the road in order to release some of the traffic pressures at Enham Arch. Cllr. Phil North agreed that traffic measures would need to be discussed at that time.

Cllr. Maggie Woodward raised the issue of vehicles speeding on Stoke Road, in particular grain lorries. The vehicles are travelling over the 30 mph speed limit, so it was discussed that the signage will need to be looked at.

Cllr. Maggie Woodward shared that there had been a serious accident involving a cyclist in the area too.

*With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.
The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 5th November 2018.*