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Dear Sir or Madam

The residents of Ashley Parish Meeting would like to make an application to Test Valley Borough Council for designation of a neighbourhood area.

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, I enclose a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates, which as you will see, is TVBC's definition of the Ashley Parish Meeting and its boundaries.

We believe that Ashley Parish Meeting, as one of the named fifty-eight parishes/parish meetings within Test Valley Borough Council qualifies our Parish as being appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area.

Again, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act, we believe that the residents of Ashley, under the auspices of the Ashley Parish Meeting is a relevant body. A notice of the meeting, which was held yesterday, 20th February 2014, was sent to every resident in Ashley on the 29th January 2014, with the matter of a Neighbourhood Development Plan on the Agenda. At the Ashley Parish Meeting yesterday, this matter was put to the residents to vote on and the motion was carried unanimously as a "yes". Please see attached Minutes from that meeting which have now been circulated to all residents within Ashley Parish Meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you as to whether the application from Ashley Parish Meeting has been successful in applying for a designation as a Neighbourhood Area and if we have, then we will be taking the next steps towards producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Yours faithfully

Chair of Ashley Parish Meeting

MINUTES FROM THE ASHLEY PARISH MEETING HELD AT ASHLEY GABLES ON THE  
20TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM

Present:

Dr Nigel Potter (Chairman)  
Bryan Blamey  
Nigel Dyson  
Grace Everett  
Tim Everett  
Peter Horsey  
Rosemary Horsey

Nola Mackintosh  
Terry Mackintosh  
Sheila Nevines  
Ken Owen  
Muriel Potter  
Gerry Reynolds  
Valerie Reynolds

Apologies for Absence: Claire Marsden, Anne Dimelow

1. Retirement of the current Chairman, Dr Nigel Potter and proposals and election of a new Chairman.

Nigel Potter welcomed all present and expressed his wish to retire as he was unable at the present time to either walk or drive around the parish and nominated Grace Everett as his replacement. Terry Mackintosh seconded this proposal. There being no other nominees put forward, Grace Everett was voted in as the new Chairman of Ashley Parish Meeting.

Terry Mackintosh paid tribute to all the work that Nigel Potter has done on behalf of the Parish, in particular with regard to the church. The Church Commission had insisted that the church be maintained to an acceptable standard for two years and this had been done very generously by the efforts of Nigel and Toby Bromley. Terry Mackintosh said that the Parish had been extremely fortunate to have Nigel, who is a real countryman with his love of fishing and shooting and who has an extensive knowledge of plants, in particular orchids, insects and bugs. Terry said that the Parish are sorry to hear that Nigel feels unable to carry on as Chairman and expressed many, many thanks on behalf of everyone in Ashley. Grace Everett took matters on the agenda forwards from this point.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Grace Everett gave a brief description of the how the Localism Act is providing the opportunity for communities and parishes to produce their own local Neighbourhood Development Plan and that in order to start the process a meeting and a vote had to be taken on the matter and then an application can be submitted to Test Valley Borough Council and matters could then proceed from there. There was discussion amongst those present about the Neighbourhood Development Plan, subsequently, a vote was taken as to whether Ashley Parish Meeting would like to proceed with one and it was a "yes" vote by all present. In addition, Anne Dimelow had expressed her vote could be used as required. In total, ten households in the parish (representing 37% of the total number of households) voted in favour on this matter.

3. Any other business

The matter of the extensive damage to the verge opposite the Brownings' farm entrance was raised. After discussion, it was agreed that Guy Marsden, as the owner of the land, should be asked to write to the Brownings to bring this matter to their attention and to try and get the verge restored and to also ask that the contractors who remove the straw on articulated lorries with two flat bed trailers should be made aware of the damage they are

causing. Nigel Dyson stated that each collection of straw involves 4 journeys in and out of the farm entrance because the lorry is weighed empty, then has to return with a load of straw on to be weighed again.

The matter of Forest Extra was raised and Bryan Blamey gave an up to date account of matters as they stand at present. Brian Gravenor, the Enforcement Officer has been working on the Enforcement Notice and this should be presented to the Brownings at the end of this month. Ken Owen asked why it was taking so long to produce the Notice. Bryan Blamey explained that the Enforcement Notice has to be precise in every detail and many checks have to be made before it is presented to the Brownings because if there is anything wrong it could lead to the Inspector ruling in the Brownings favour because of a technicality. Bryan Blamey said it would be a difficult case as far as the community is concerned because the planning department had recommended it for approval subject to conditions.

Terry Mackintosh asked what was the attitude from TVBC to the application now and do we have access to the grounds of Appeal by the Brownings. Bryan Blamey explained that as the Planning Committee had turned the application down that TVBC would now have to hire a specialist to fight the appeal as if they did it in-house they would lose. Bryan Blamey said that the grounds for Appeal would be in the public domain for all to see.

Nigel Dyson asked whether the residents' letters which have already been submitted will be viewed by the Inspector or do new letters need to be submitted. Grace Everett explained that everything that has been submitted previously will be seen by the Inspector. In addition, we will be submitting the pack that was sent to each planning committee member, the two speeches from the committee meeting and the BBC coverage. TVBC have suggested that there is one response submitted on behalf of the residents for the Appeal, rather than doing individual letters.

There being no other business, the meeting came to a close.