

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING

12 MARCH 2012

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford

(7.00 pm – 8.45 pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Atkinson (Chairman); Councillors Bicknell, Boyes, Bull, Davidovitz, Ms Grajewski, Hughes, Luffman, Olson and Pragnell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Arnett, Broadhurst, Cole, Mrs Gault, Ms Hodgson, Hosegood, Mrs Roberts and Streeter

In attendance: Stephen Mursell Parish Clerk

There were three members of the public present.

236. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members declared an interest in the agenda items listed.

237. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present at the meeting were advised that they could address the Council.

238. HAMPSHIRE WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

The Chairman introduced Mr Ramshaw, Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy, Eastleigh Borough Council, who agreed to provide further information to members on the proposal to re-site the existing facility from Woodside Avenue to Stoneycroft Rise.

Mr Ramshaw explained the reasons for the proposed re-siting were to free up the Woodside Avenue site for development and the existing facility was too small and outdated. The proposed site would accommodate a modern recycling centre. However there were concerns for the wildlife currently on the site and the proximity of Freespace to the proposed site. Freespace was a much valued asset and Eastleigh Borough Council would not wish to consider anything that would prejudice the safety of users of Freespace.

Mr Ramshaw explained that the project is due to be completed at the end of 2013 and the Woodside Avenue facility will only be de-commissioned after the new site is complete. Much of the time will be taken up by dealing with wildlife issues by ensuring all wildlife species were safely removed from the site.

The Chairman opened the meeting for member's questions.

Members asked whether any alternative sites had been considered. Mr Ramshaw

stated that the proposed site offered a number of advantages over the other sites considered, but that he could not be specific as to the location of the other sites.

It was AGREED that:

1)Mr Ramshaw would provide details of the other sites considered and advise the Parish Clerk of such details to pass on to members

Members were concerned about the safety issues resulting from the proximity of users of the proposed facility to users of the Freespace facility. Members also anticipated increased traffic movements and additional risks resulting. Mr Ramshaw stated that it was not intended to create a different entrance or exit to the site. Members felt that consideration should be given to a cycleway incorporating a barrier to safeguard users of Freespace.

It was AGREED that:

1)Mr Ramshaw would take account of the comments raised with regard to traffic movements and the increased risk to users of Freespace when the design of the facility is being considered

Members were concerned there would be substantially more traffic movements that would result from the proposed development south of Stoneham and that should be considered at the same time. Members requested information on the traffic impact assessment that took account of the proposed housing development in the wider area, together with details of the current usage of the Waste Recycling Centre and the projected usage of the new facility.

Mr Ramshaw stated that traffic studies would highlight concerns over all the development in that area and Hampshire County Council would take steps to mitigate any concerns over the increased traffic volumes in the area.

Members were concerned that the project had progressed to a stage where planning application would soon be lodged and that site plans were not available to the Parish Council. Mr Ramshaw stated that the feasibility study had taken place and design statements were to be drawn up including site constraints such as mains gas and electricity supply crossing the site.

Taking account of all the concerns that members had raised at this meeting it was considered that a detailed presentation prior to planning application being applied for should be provided to the Parish Council. Mr Ramshaw stated that he will be able to provide a detailed presentation that address the concerns raised and that he will undertake this before the planning application is made.

It was AGREED that:

1)Mr Ramshaw will undertake a further presentation to the Parish Council
2)The presentation will incorporate the concerns raised by members being; the location of the other sites considered for the facility, the current traffic movements of the

Woodside Avenue site and the proposed traffic movements for the new site, both cars and lorries; and the feasibility study incorporating a proposed plan for the site

The Chairman thanked Mr Ramshaw for attending the meeting and answering member's questions.

239. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that since the last meeting she had attended various meetings concerning the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and the Funtasia event. The Chairman was also pleased to attend Beauty and the Beast, a Centrestage production and remarked on the talent of those involved in the production.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee to progress plans of the Parish Council to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. In addition the Chairman had attended a Velmore Steering Group meeting which had now officially become the Velmore Community Association with the opening of the community building being scheduled for mid April.

240. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings were considered for accuracy.

Members considered the minutes for the Parish Council meeting dated 6 February 2012.

It was AGREED that:

1) Concerning the Parish Council minutes dated 6 February 2012 under item 227, line 3, that "concerned" should be substituted by "noted"

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 February 2012 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance meeting held on 22 February 2012 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee meeting held on 27 February 2012.

Members considered the minutes for the Asset Transfer and Management Team dated 2 February 2012.

It was AGREED that:

1) Concerning the minutes for the Asset Transfer and Management Team dated 2 February 2012 that Cllrs Atkinson and Cole were "apologies" and not "absent".

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting

held on 24 January 2012.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 15 February 2012.

241. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Pragnell requested an update from the Planning Committee on the follow up work to monitor the state of footpaths across the parish. The Clerk reported that all defects have been reported to Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council through the Countryside Service, however there was no certainty whether the remedial work had been concluded and there was no follow up on the work by that Committee.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk would ensure that the footpaths defects are followed up by the Planning Committee and actions undertaken are followed through

There were no matters arising from the Policy and Finance meeting held on 22 February 2012.

There were no matters arising from the Planning, Highways and Licensing meeting held on 27 February 2012.

There were no matters arising from the Asset Management and Transfer Team meeting held on 2 February 2012.

There were no matters arising from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 24 January 2012.

There were no matters arising from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 15 February 2012.

242. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Clerk presented his report on Tree and Footpath Wardens. Members were asked to consider and approve the document detailing the role and responsibilities of Tree and Footpath Wardens.

It was AGREED that:

1)The role and responsibilities of Tree Wardens acting for the Parish Council were approved

2)The role and responsibilities of Footpath Wardens acting for the Parish Council were approved

Members were also asked to consider the recruitment of additional Tree and Footpath Wardens and the process of reporting through to the Planning, Licensing and Highways Committee.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Additional Tree and Footpath Wardens be appointed to act on behalf of the Parish Council
- 2) The Tree and Footpath Wardens will report directly to the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee

Members requested that Wardens when recruited receive sufficient training in their role to ensure they are able to carry out their duties. Members of Planning, Licensing and Highways Committee were requested to consider the format of such training.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Members of that Committee should consider suitable training to be offered to Wardens once recruited

243. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members were advised that the Policy and Finance Committee at the meeting on 22 February 2012 had agreed a budget of £150.00 for refreshments for the official opening of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. In addition that Committee had also agreed a budget of £1,000.00 for the Fryern Funtasia. Members were requested that they ratify the budgets set at that meeting.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The Parish Council approve a budget of £150.00 for refreshments for the official opening of the Diamond Jubilee Garden
- 2) The Parish Council approve a budget of £1,000.00 for the Fryern Funtasia

244. UPDATE FROM THE ASSET TRANSFER AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

There had been no further meeting of the Asset, Transfer and Management Team on which to update members. A further meeting of that Team will be scheduled however before the next Parish Council meeting.

245. UPDATE FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Davidovitz reported that a meeting had taken place with the Chief Executive and the Head of Planning Policy and Design for Eastleigh Borough Council to discuss the

support available to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish Council. It is understood that the Borough Council are required to assist the Parish Council in this process and the Strategic Planning Committee will consider ways to receive funding to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Members were advised that the Committee will plan public meetings to engage with residents and obtain their views to help develop the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the Committee are currently considering representatives of community groups and associations to invite to the first introductory meeting. In addition churches, schools and other bodies will be invited.

Members wanted to satisfy themselves with regard to the reporting lines of the Committee and how the Committee links with the Planning Committee. It was noted that Eastleigh Borough Council do not appear to have the high focus on Neighbourhood Planning that other District Authorities have adopted.

246. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The Clerk updated members with the sources of information to keep members updated with community safety matters. The Clerk advised members that the Police Authority were looking for a two way flow of information and requested that members advise them of community safety issues to enable the issues to be discussed and dealt with promptly.

The Chairman acknowledged the excellent contribution that the Street Pastors make in the parish and welcomed their input to this meeting.

Members enquired whether any information was available on crime statistics other than those currently circulated. Cllr Davidovitz advised that the Community Safety Partnership focused on priority areas of alcohol related issues, issues of violence and the public perception of the tackling of crime. Further information and statistics around these issues will be circulated.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk would circulate to all members the additional information provided by the Community Safety Partnership

Members were requested to ask any further questions on community safety matters. Matters raised included the anti-social behaviour resulting from the extended times of lighting the Hiltingbury Recreation ground car park and the issue of speeding along Leigh Road.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Clerk would follow up with Hampshire County Council the current extended lighting times of the recreation ground
2) The issue of speeding along Leigh Road, together with speeding issues on other

roads within the Parish, will be referred to a subsequent Parish Council meeting for consideration for further action

247. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised members that Eastleigh Borough Council were seeking opinion from Parish Councils on the use of pavement stencils to deter dog fouling in high priority areas. Members requested further information before reaching an opinion on this matter

The Clerk advised members that proposals had been agreed for a pedestrian refuge and a controlled pedestrian crossing in Leigh Road.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk would circulate details to members of the pedestrian crossings in Leigh Road

248. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk tabled a list of cheques drawn on the Council's bank account for various expenditure items since the last Council meeting.

It was AGREED that:

1) The following cheques be endorsed

Cheque No	Net	VAT	Gross
100113 ISL Solutions Printer cartridge	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
100114 Toucan Designs CFPC branding			£200.00
100115 HCA Room Hire deposit			£60.00

Members were asked to authorise the following requests for payment:

S Mursell Office expense			£60.46
S Mursell January salary			£931.46

HMRC Tax & NI	£651.14
HALC Office rent	£187.20
CFCA Room hire	£120.00
HCC NCCZ signs	£50.00
C Ford UR Church Room hire	£45.50
Southern Water Ramalley water bill	£238.57
HCC NCCZ signs	£50.00
ISL Toner cartridge	£48.00
Parish of C Ford Room hire	£21.75
C Ford Methodist Church Room hire	£112.50
SLCC Subscriptions	£157.00
British Gas Eagle Close electricity	£146.14
S Mursell January salary	£931.46
HMRC Tax & NI	£651.14
Hampshire Police PCSOs support 11/12	£14,000.00

The Clerk advised members that there was a balance at bank of £15,582.78 once all the cheques listed above were presented for payment at the bank.

249. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr Bicknell advised members of road closures in Velmore and potential issues that might arise due to the on-going development of the estate.

Cllr Olson requested that in future copies of the correspondence should be included as attachments to the agenda.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk would in future attach copies of correspondence referred to in the agenda item