

## **CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL**

**28 JULY 2014**

### **UNITED REFORM CHURCH, KING'S ROAD, CHANDLERS FORD**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillor Atkinson (Chairman), Councillors Bicknell, Boyes (Vice Chairman), Broadhurst, Cox, Duguid, Foulds, Grajewski, Hughes, Johnson, Jolly, Leslie, Luffman, Scott and Simmonds.

**In Attendance:** Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Parish Clerk) and Duncan Murray (Admin Locum)

#### **480. APOLOGIES**

None were notified

#### **481. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared although Cllr Bicknell commented on his membership of ELAP(?) which was decided was non-prejudicial.

#### **482. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed the members including new Parish Councillors and introduced Duncan Murray who was providing administrative assistance during the period in which the appointment of a Parish Clerk was being undertaken. She commented that the Acting Parish Clerk and the Assistant Parish Clerk remained as previously and that this was purely to help out with the workload in the parish office in the interim. The Chairman also commented that there would be name plates for the next meeting to aid identification.

The Chairman reported on the service she had attended at Winchester Cathedral to commemorate the beginning of the 1914-1918 war and that she had attended meetings with Eastleigh Borough Council regarding the Asset Transfer process.

The Chairman then adjusted the order of business to allow Mr Guy Riddick from EBC to update members of the council about the proposals for the old golf course that is adjacent to the parish.

#### **483. EBC PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FLEMING PARK PARKLAND**

Mr Riddick started by mentioning the wide scope of the public consultation that had been undertaken and the wider framework of the Open Spaces plan review by EBC.

The presentation concentrated on the ball-stop trees and fencing, bunkers and other features that were integral to the site and how s106 monies were to be used to remove some of the easier features, and that pathways were also to be updated/upgraded.

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Mr Riddick commented on one of the key routes for the parish that from Velmore to the Nightingale school; also that there was the opportunity to enhance the north-south route adding a riverside walk.

Other features under discussion at the present time were a 400m mown running circuit, areas for dog walkers and a £600,000 extension to the pavilion and the potential benefits to many youth groups.

The overall aim was to provide all-weather access, link in to improve the Cycling For All project, return the land to a parkland feel with picnic and play areas including adventure play areas.

Mr Riddick also highlighted four areas shaded in purple on the schematic that had biodiversity interests and would need access management interventions to protect those features.

He also reported that the underpass had been enhanced with improved lighting and had been redecorated.

Other issues and aspirations for the parkland included more natural play areas to the western edge, new signage and gateways into the parkland along with information boards and the use of equipment based on more rustic design lines but that will be robust enough to withstand a certain level of vandalism.

The Chairman thanked Mr Riddick for his presentation and gave members the opportunity to ask questions. These were based on timescales and prioritisation. Mr Riddick answered that project reporting was due in September which would then prioritise works based on cost impacts and Borough needs. It would be expected that lower cost elements could be undertaken in the short term and some elements would require further consultation. Short term improvements could also include biodiversity interest and projects which would include working with local volunteer groups.

Other items mentioned were the possibility of community orchards; the play equipment at the New Forest Wildlife Centre; an informal kick-about area behind the dovetail; the possibility of soil contamination and the substantial quantities of gravel as a natural resource present on the site; the row of Poplar trees was mentioned as remaining which was well received news along with the removal of Leylandii.

The Local Area Committee had 20 Open Spaces projects to consider within its priorities so it would be a matter of balancing priorities and budgets.

The Chairman thanked Mr Riddick for his presentation which had been most beneficial and asked that the council be kept updated with developments.

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### **484. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Chairman moved this item up the agenda to enable Sgt O'Hanlon to be able to return to his duties. Sgt O'Hanlon reported on continuing proposed changes at headquarters and the possibility of the Police sharing the Fire and Rescue Services headquarters, also on there being changes for the base of the local team, but that the changes would have minimal impact on Eastleigh.

Sgt O'Hanlon reported that the biggest issue and priority locally remained drugs and that significant inroads had been made into the dealing of Class 'A' drugs and that the team was concentrating now on Class 'B' drugs and particular dealers. Another series of warrants were being served and more were planned.

In terms of other offences the crime figures were good with anti-social behaviour down approximately 20% with total crime up slightly which was accounted for by an increase in shoplifting to become the largest crime type, not burglaries or robberies.

Locally there was a theft reduction strategy in place and in the last year there had been 32 non-dwelling burglaries. Vulnerable areas included sheds and especially those on allotments. Stores had particularly been targeted by gangs of thieves reselling the items on Ebay.

Over the summer anti-social behaviour and criminal damage were going to be targeted.

The Chairman asked for clarification over an earlier meeting's issue in terms of crime reporting figures. Sgt O'Hanlon answered in terms of issues being caused over the way incidents were reported and in particular the address given by the caller and how if a different description of a location was given on different occasions then reports of incidents could be misplaced in the system.

Drug awareness was mentioned and Sgt O'Hanlon said that it could be provided to councillors – a slightly earlier start at 6.30 for the next full Parish Council Meeting on the 15 September was agreed to enable this.

Issues over child safety alerts were mentioned and Sgt O'Hanlon gave reassurances whilst clarifying the seriousness with which these issues were taken by the police and clarifying the type of information shared with schools when concerns were raised.

The issue of parking on verges was raised, again, especially in the Hiltingbury area and that some inconsiderate drivers were now placing all four wheels on the verge causing a considerable obstruction. Sgt O'Hanlon commented that blatant obstruction of the pavement would result in the receipt of a ticket and less blatant obstruction a warning. The constant issues of corporate parking were mentioned along with the ongoing poster campaign.

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The Chairman thanked Sgt O'Hanlon for his input and requested if he wanted further help with cards for vehicles and other similar resources to please ask the Parish Council.

#### **485. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To approve/adopt minutes of meetings:

- a) to approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 28 April 2014;

It was AGREED that the Minutes be signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman subject to the spelling correction of 'ABC contracts' on page 2 paragraph 3 being changed to 'ASB contracts' and 'heroin' to heroin'.

- b) To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of 10 June 2014;

It was AGREED that the Minutes be signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

- c) to approve the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 26 June 2014;

These were deferred to the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting;  
and

- d) to approve the minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee of 16 July 2014.

A procedural issue was raised by Cllr Bicknell as to whether the meeting was properly convened, clarification of the correct procedure was given and discussion took place over the timeline of events. Cllr Bicknell decided that there was no issue he wished to progress further.

The minutes were therefore accepted and noted.

#### **486. ITEMISED MATTERS ARISING**

To adopt the recommendation proposed by the Policy and Finance Committee that Signatory process to be reviewed by Audit and Risk Committee including BACS and Direct Debit Payments.

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**487. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA MENTIONED AT THE MEETING**

The extravaganza at the Hiltingbury Recreation Ground set for the 14 September was mentioned by the Chair following receipt of a tabled motion requesting financial support under match-funding.

Whilst members expressed support it was agreed that this should be taken to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September as an agenda item for consideration whether as a grant application or under other powers.

The transfer of the Fryern Recreation Ground and Pavilion was also mentioned by the Chairman along with the likelihood of gaining funding for the extensions proposed through the New Homes Bonus.

It was also mentioned that timescales were suddenly moving quite quickly and that the asset transfer documents were ready to be signed subject to the papers protecting the right of way being completed.

This development and the requirements of the Borough Council including a funding application needing to be submitted to Cabinet before their 11 September's meeting would require the Parish Council to sign the agreement before the next full Parish Council meeting on the 15 September.

Whilst the Chairman appreciated that no formal decision could be taken as the matter was not published on the agenda for discussion she asked members if, within the extant policy supporting the transfer of the assets from Borough to the Parish Council, members were supportive of the Asset Management Team signing the transfer documents and then seeking ratification at the next full Parish Council Meeting.

Members agreed that they were supportive of the need to finalise the transfer and it being ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.

**That being all the business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.**

**Dates of next meetings:**

The next meeting of the full Chandler's Ford Parish Council will be on 15 September 2014 commencing at 6.30 pm and a Councillor Training Session on 11 August 2014 at 7.00-9.00pm.

Chairman.....