

7.30 PM 19 JUNE 2017 FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD

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

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Clerk) and PCSO Ritchie.

Public Participation:

There were 5 members of the public present. One spoke about the debate over the proposal for the Hiltingbury Pavilion and that the new Fleming Park had told her hockey club that it could no longer cater for them and they would have to find a new location for indoor hockey. The Chair of the Hiltingbury Tennis Club also spoke, praising the courts, requesting toilet facilities, asked about the risk assessment for cardiac arrest or other illness with the courts being with key card access and also asked about the consultation period for the proposed extension of the pavilion and suggested there was a requirement for a needs analysis. A third person spoke about the proposed extension to the pavilion commenting she felt it was quite rushed, there were alternatives which might be more appropriate than taking over green space.

The Clerk responded to the questions asked commenting that the planning consultation process required a period of 13 weeks, there was the alternative proposal being discussed later, other needs had been discussed earlier in the process, and continue as the project moved forwards. The Clerk also commented that a proper process would be followed by the Council, as he would ensure all processes/decisions were correct and lawful.

737 APOLOGIES

There were none.

738 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

739 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

PCSO Ritchie gave a report that mentioned in the previous 90 days there had been 50 calls relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB) which was an increase on the previous 90 but expected as we moved into the summer. As the kids were off patrols had been increased though.

Domestic burglary was up by 70% to 19 with 4 in one night. Non-dwelling burglary was down by 50% due to an individual residing in HMP Winchester. Drug offences were up as was retail theft, which mainly involved the theft of alcohol being carried out by organised gangs.

Sgt Carr had retired and Sgt Tony Thompson, a Hiltingbury resident was new in post. It was also mentioned in the light of recent events that there were dedicated officers being given greater visibility. Operation Hand (anti-slavery) was ongoing, so was work with Trading Standards and looking towards the parking issues that would emerge in September when the schools went back was already being planned for.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Ritchie for his report and opened the floor to Members' questions. These were asked about statistics, action on Speedwatch Reports,

modern day slavery and how nearby were there issues. Thanks we also expressed over resolving ASB issues on the rail bridge, and the response to an elderly woman who had been verbally abused by cold callers and who couldn't cope with the 101 which the Member then called and there had been a rapid response.

740 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

741 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 May 2017, and
- b) to accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 15 May previously agreed by that committee on 5 June 2017, and to approve the minutes of that committee's meeting of 7 June 2017,

Following the insertion of corrections to the minutes of 8 May; Cllrs Bicknell not being present and Bull being present, and Cllr Jolly being on Policy and Finance, the minutes of the meetings, financial reports and payments made were AGREED.

742 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE, FOLLOWING THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S VISIT, TO THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING OFF

(A) THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT HAVING AGREED ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS, AND ALSO

(B) SIGNING OFF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017, BOTH AS REQUIRED BY THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS IN PLACE AND HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BY THE PROPER OFFICER/ RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER.

The Clerk read out an extract from the Internal Auditors' Final Report, which stated that they were satisfied adequate financial controls were in place and that financial risk assessment had been carried out and risk management processes were sound.

- A Having noted the Internal Auditors' visit and report extract the Chairman read through the Annual Governance Statement point by point including the description of what a 'Yes' answer meant. Having proposal, seconding and a show of hands to AGREE a response of 'Yes' on each point, and agreement that statement 9 was 'Not Applicable'; the Governance Statement was signed and dated with the Minute Point number being recorded.
- B No debate was required and following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the Accounting Statement was AGREED then signed and dated by the Chairman with the minute point number being recorded.

743 TO AGREE TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER SIGNING THE FORMAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR AS PREPARED BY HUMPHRYS' ASSOCIATES.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED the accounts could be accepted.

744 MOTION: FOLLOWING RECENT CONSULTATIONS IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IS WORKED UP CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION WORK THAT HAS BEEN

COMMITTED TO AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 10 APRIL FOR THE £ 1.5 MILL ESTIMATED SCHEME. THIS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE HILTINGBURY REC RUNNING/WALKING/SCOOTERING TRACK AND OUTDOOR GYM TYPE FACILITIES, AND A SYMPATHETIC REFURBISHMENT OF THE EXISTING HILTINGBURY PAVILION TO GIVE IT INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY, IF THE SPORTS HALL PROJECT IS CONSIDERED UNAFFORDABLE, IN A TIMELY MANNER WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON AN INFORMED OPTION TO CONSIDER, WITH AN INDICATIVE BUDGET OF £800K.THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO BE INFORMED BY FIRST CARRYING OUT AN AUDIT OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE FACILITIES IN THE PARISH AREA. (CLLR DUGUID)

Members were reminded of the rules of debate before Cllr Duguid was given the opportunity to put his motion forwards.

Cllr Duguid expressed his concerns relating to a 'Village Green', the committed £52k to working up costs and an expected project cost of £1.5M; the lack of respondents to the original consultation meaning the project rested on 80 respondents' comments. He also made comment on what is affordable or unaffordable, and the increase in car parking provision. He was proposing a prudent alternative that in a timely manner could be brought forwards consisting of a smaller project which included the outside gym and track.

Cllr Bull having seconded reserved his right to speak until later.

The Chairman made comment that the plans had been in discussion for 3-years, and were currently at planning application stage, and the overall plans for the recreation ground did include a track. She also reminded Members that the proposal would have to revert to Full Council for agreement with a completed Business Plan.

A Member speaking for the motion commented on his reservations with the project and that he had engaged with locals trying to gauge opinions. He commented also that the consultation had taken place in the 2nd paragraph of an item on Fryern Pavilion, and didn't have its own title. He was concerned that it would be duplicating facilities and that more dynamic thought was needed and alternatives should at least be considered. He stated that he felt a more meaningful consultation was needed, spreading the net further; that there was a need for a compromise.

Speaking against the motion a Member commented that the costs would be coming back to Full Council for it to be decided if it was affordable. Also that a refurbishment would be closer to £1M and that if it was only a refurbishment then it would not generate income unless it was to be in competition with The Hilt, which was something that was not wanted. The only way forwards was a sports hall. A two-court hall had originally been considered, then three, and then a four-court hall. The latter was the income generator.

A second Member spoke against the motion preferring the large hall against a 'Plan B'. As a representative for Velmore the residents of which might or might not benefit from the project. He asked about what was real consultation, questioning whether it meant banging on every door, or consulting on consultation? He commented that a pavilion refurbishment would not be an income generator, arguing that if you build something it gets used; that a sports hall would create a flexible space, and mentioned the income growth of over 100% in the Fryern Pavilion's income in the previous year.

Another Member commented that the general consensus he had heard was that something needed to be done to update the pavilion but there were worries about the cost.

The Clerk was given consent by the Chairman to correct an earlier comment made about the newsletter; that in March 2016 it had been on page 2 in an article about the Fryern Pavilion, but in the summer 2016 and winter 2017 it had been the banner headline on page e as its own article.

Another Member spoke against the motion commenting that the proposals were also advertised by EBC in full colour on a flyer included with every household's Council Tax Bill. Further to the issues of vacancies in current provision they asked where? As the new Fleming Park provision was booked up in peak hours for the next two years without having even opened.

A final speaker, against the motion, picked up on the 'Following recent consultations' commented that it was to improve a pig-sty, provide sports facilities, a greater range of indoor sports opportunities. Furthermore, that to work up an alternative concurrently would require the current project being put on hold whilst the alternative was worked up. The Member gave an example of how, when working in Local Government in the south-west proposals for a sports hall were undertaken but the 'Caucus' in control decided they didn't want it so figures had to be adapted to show it was unaffordable. After elections, the power base changed and those now in charge did want the sports hall and asked for figures, the seed was sown of a decent sports hall facility. It was a matter of 'what is, and what could be'.

There being no further call for debate the Chairman asked Cllr Duguid to sum up his motion. Cllr Duguid commented on the application going helter-skelter forwards and that to his belief the proposals put forwards for a £1.5M facility didn't include the outside track and gym, but asked for clarification. The Clerk was given leave to respond with 'matters of fact' which were that the outdoor track and gym had been on the Council's Aspirations List since before he joined in 2014, and that it was phase 2 as should the main project proceed to construction the funds being put into that could be used as match-funding for an application to bring in £100k of grant money. The Clerk also commented that if the sports hall did not go ahead then Asset Improvement Funds could provide match-funding for the track. With the conclusion of the Clerk's input Cllr Duguid continued his summation that there could be a successful refurbishment of the pavilion, that twin-tracking needn't be a significant cost, potential revenues are untested, and that the EBC analysis was flawed as there were more resources available at the schools in the holidays and at weekends than it identified.

On a show of hands the motion was NOT AGREED.

745 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

None were submitted for the agenda.

Date and place of next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm 24 July 2017 at Fryern Pavilion, Chandler's Ford.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 8.19pm.

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