

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

**7.00 PM 27 July 2015 FRYERN HILL PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD**

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

**In Attendance:** Nick Tustian (CEO Eastleigh Borough Council), Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) and Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Clerk)

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **578 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Councillor Pragnell.

#### **579 TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING ON THE ASSET TRANSFER PROCESS – MR NICK TUSTIAN CEO EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

Mr Tustian was welcomed by the Chairman and given the floor. Mr Tustian commented that the powerpoint presentation was the same as the one he had given in 2010 and was aimed at building bridges in the Asset Transfer process, which was meant to be smooth give greater local control of the destiny of assets and benefit residents. Some 100 assets had been transferred in the previous 5 years. The Asset Transfer process had been started in 1997 to improve local discretion and to protect assets if the two tier system of local government was to be abolished, thereby empowering local communities and giving the Borough Council (EBC) a more strategic role.

He spoke about how the transfer of the asset should be a zero cost increase as it would be taken out of the Special Expenses charged by EBC. The effect on the Precept depended on the level of service provided and that EBC would reimburse asset transfer legal costs of up to £500 per asset.

He commented that assets should be transferred in a good condition; that outstanding developers' contributions should be transferred at the same time; also that TUPE should not normally apply, something EBC had taken legal advice on and transfers should be an extension to partnership working. In the case of Hiltingbury Pavilion had obviously not been transferred in a good condition and it was an example of where the partnership did not work. However if the asset was taken on with its faults that was a decision for the individual Parish Council, which could have pulled out.

In conclusion he also commented that he didn't feel the Parish Council had been well served or given the right information about the Hiltingbury Pavilion but that he hoped they could build something to work on with any future transfers of assets.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tustian for his presentation and commented that she felt there was a way forward and perceived the correct way was to make the relationship work. It was acknowledged that it was felt the Parish Council hadn't been as well supported as it could have been through the process but that it could now work well for the future. Members were invited to put any questions they might have.

Cllr Hughes asked about the New Homes Bonus Scheme (NHBS) and what it could be used for. Mr Tustian responded that it was a scheme based on housing delivery and was contributing to the Fleming Park redevelopment and community centres where Parish Councils had already had most of their development such as Chandler's Ford which had £1M committed to its area. He also commented, in a general discussion with Members, that the only requirement was for the Parish Council to show it had a commitment, not necessarily in terms of cash funding but also 'in-kind' funding including community benefit and positive impacts/added value. The issues of the condition of the Hiltingbury Pavilion were mentioned and it was suggested by the Chairman that would be best served as a debate for another time.

Mr Tustian commented that if the Parish Council had concerns in the future to invite him along. The Chairman stated her appreciation of the offer and her regrets that the conversation had not taken place earlier and that the Parish Council didn't want to be put off other transfers but just have more support. Mr Tustian agreed and said he had felt frustrated especially in terms of the support over adequate capital funding and that was not the way the process was designed or intended to be.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tustian for coming and speaking and that to move forwards was the best way for the parish.

#### **580 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Various Councillors declared a non-disclosable non-pecuniary interest in item 9 on the Agenda for the 'in-kind' funding of the newly formed Fryern Community Association. Those declaring the interest and not voting were Cllrs Atkinson, Broadhurst, Jolly, Hughes, Leslie, Aubry and Duguid. Cllr Atkinson said she would continue to Chair that discussion but would not be voting. Cllr Bicknell enquired about being able to remain quorate and the possibility of dispensations being granted. The meeting was confirmed as remaining quorate.

There were no other declarations of interest on other items.

#### **581 COMMUNITY SAFETY – UPDATE**

There was no report, but it was noted that there had been a greater presence at the Fryern Recreation ground.

**582 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman commented that she had been in discussion with HCC Highways and additional works had been undertaken on Oakmount Road before the surface dressing had been applied which was a better outcome than otherwise would have been achieved and that consideration had to be given to the spending availability of all councils.

The Chairman also reported she had been to the County Service at Winchester Cathedral on 12 July; had met with Sgt Mike Brealey over the use of the building for "Cops and Coffee" as well as a stop-off-point to enable officers to spend a greater part of their time in the parish.

She also reported that the Granted to You event had made grants totalling the £10,000 fund available.

**583 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 June 2015;  
On a show of hands the minutes were AGREED.
- b) to approve the minutes of the Planning Licensing and Highways Committee of 10 June 2015;  
On a show of hands the minutes were AGREED.
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 13 July 2015, to note the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee.  
On a show of hands the minutes and payments were AGREED. Cllr Boyes recorded his reservations on appointment of a contractor for the tennis courts without a specification.

**584 MEMBERS QUESTIONS (NONE SUBMITTED FOR THE AGENDA)**

**585 TO AGREE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- i) to AGREE the UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee that "That Vita Play be awarded the contract for the refurbishment of the parish's play areas and the installation of 'The Core' at Fryern recreation Ground" and to APPROVE the RECOMMENDATION to vire the necessary funds of £26,500, within this year's budget, into Play Areas from the incoming funds, £125,000, for the Asset Improvement Reserve.

Following proposal by Cllr Grajewski and seconding by Cllr Bull and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- ii) To AGREE the UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee Sports Courts be appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the Hiltingbury tennis courts at a cost of £37,711, (funded by a New Homes Bonus Scheme Grant of up to £60,000 from Eastleigh Borough Council) there being no reasons given by Hampshire Playing Fields Association as to why they should not be appointed.

Following proposal by Cllr Grajewski and seconding by Cllr Foulds and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- iii) To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee that up to £5,000 be made available for the provision of ducting, for the potential of both a secure access gate system and the provision of floodlights, at the tennis courts to be fitted contemporaneously with the resurfacing works.

Following proposal by Cllr Grajewski and seconding by Cllr Cox and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- iv) To NOTE the RESOLUTION of the Policy and Finance Committee [under Financial Regulation 4.1] to provide funding of up to £5,000 to the fitting of a CCTV system at the Fryern Pavilion to improve the security of the building and reduce anti-social behaviour for the benefit of neighbours and other parishioners.

This was noted.

**586 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO THE NEWLY FORMED FRYERN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (FCA) THROUGH “IN-KIND” FUNDING BY PROVIDING AN OFFICE BASE (OLD PARISH OFFICE) AND BY GIVING “FIRST CALL” ON THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE EXTENDED FRYERN PAVILION ON A FRIDAY 52 WEEKS A YEAR UNLESS AND UNTIL REVOKED BY COUNCIL WITH AN AGREED MAJORITY (SUGGESTED 75%) VOTE ON SUCH A RESOLUTION. SUCH PROVISION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE OR AT A PEPPERCORN RENT.**

Members discussed the motion and agreed the definition of ‘first call’ would be contained in the licence agreement. It was also agreed that a peppercorn rent would be amenable to the Council as it would also provide cover within the Parish Council’s Hirer’s liability insurance in the early days whilst funding streams were established by the FCA . It was also proposed by Cllr Grajewski and seconded by Cllr Bicknell that a 2/3 majority of those Members able to vote should be required to terminate a licence agreement.

The overall motion with the agreed change to voting requirements and the payment of a Peppercorn rent was proposed by Cllr Bull and seconded by Cllr Bicknell and on a show of hands of Members who had not disclosed an interest was AGREED.

**587 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE INITIATING THE REQUIRED STAGES FOR THE MAKING OF A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TROs) TO RESTRICT THE PERIOD OF PARKING AT THE FRYERN AND HILTINGBURY RECREATION GROUND CAR PARKS TO A LIMIT OF 3 HOURS WITH NO RETURN WITHIN 8 HOURS IN FORCE 24 HOURS A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THIS ORDER TO BE KNOWN AS "THE CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2015". THIS ORDER TO BE MADE AFTER ENGAGING IN PROPER CONSULTATION PROCESS AND RETURNING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR FINAL RESOLUTION AND SEALING OF THE ORDER ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2015.**

Members discussed the issues that TROs raised in terms of enforcement, enforceable times, no-return times and periods of parking permitted also those users of the recreation grounds and community buildings that needed to return by car during the day and how it might affect weddings. Automated parking enforcement by the use of numberplate recognition cameras and operators such as 'Parking Eye' who provide the equipment free and keep the parking charge (fine) income.

The specific issues of school staff and their use of the car park at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground were also discussed.

It was agreed that the issues raised might mean separate TROs were required for both the Fryern and Hiltingbury Car Parks; that a preferred option was for a 3 hour period of permitted parking and a no return period of 3 hours; that it should potentially operate from 0700hrs to 1800hrs Monday to Friday rather than 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Clerk was requested to work with a working group (Cllrs Boyes and Hughes) and bring recommendations back to the Full Council meeting of 28 September so that any delays were minimised.

**That being all the business the meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.**

**Date and place of next meeting:** 28 September 2015 Velmore Community Centre, Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford at 7.00pm.

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