

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

**In Attendance:** Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), PCSO Andrew Ritchie, Alex Boatfield (and two colleagues) from Network Rail.

### **Public Participation**

There were five members of the public present.

#### **598 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Councillor Leslie.

#### **599 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

#### **600 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

PCSO Ritchie reported to Members from the recent PACT meeting that non-dwelling and dwelling burglaries were up also that theft from vehicles had also increased. Some of these vehicles had not been secured. He also reported that the team had been working with the Winchester team at Otterbourne for the previous 6 to 8 weeks.

Speed checks/enforcement had been carried out and the PCSOs had been out twice with the community speedwatch team. They had had 14 detections of prosecutable speeds in a 1 hour window on Hursley Road.

Alcohol theft from supermarkets was being targeted ensuring sufficient preventative measures were in place (Operation Orange) by testing their security to prevent cheap alcohol getting onto the street. Asda had recently spent £10,000 on increasing their security.

The current priorities were on burglary and criminal damage in the early hours. There was feedback from the recent PACT survey available and the motoring enforcement. Health and Safety assessments were being undertaken for Brookfield Lane joining the speedwatch list of approved monitoring sites. Halloween had only two antisocial behaviour reports.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Ritchie for his report and opened the session to members who had questions.

Members asked for their thanks to be passed on to Sgt Fisher for the report on preventative actions at Elderfield and enquired about Brickfield Lane and traffic turning right when it was clearly marked as no right turn. PCSO Ritchie responded a constable could attend the junction to issue penalty notices and speedwatch could

monitor the situation. It was also mentioned that the PACT meetings clashed with Borough Council meetings.

**601 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Remembrance Sunday service at St Boniface and had laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council as had Cllr Duguid as Vice Chairman at St Martin in the woods.

She was also pleased to report that the Working Party had met with Sports Courts and agreed a process that would allow for the laying of the tarmac to the tennis courts to proceed. As a result 2 courts would be resurfaced this week with and the final two completed on Monday, subject of course to the weather. As a matter of information for tennis court users the contractor would also be returning in April to paint the courts and line them with permanent markings. Temporary lining would be applied now for use over the winter.

**602 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THE FIRST 45 MINUTES ARE SET ASIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INVITED TO ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE STATEMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD ON MATTERS RELATING TO PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.**

This item was deferred to later in the meeting to allow members of the public present to read through the first draft of the budget.

**603 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NETWORK RAIL (ALEX BOATFIELD) ON THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR THE CROSSING CLOSURE AND REPLACEMENT BRIDGE AT SUTHERLANDS ROAD.**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Boatfield and his colleagues and gave them the floor. Mr Boatfield apologised profusely for his errors in the consultations that he had mistakenly thought that Valley Park Parish Council was the same as Chandler's Ford Parish Council. He also thanked the council for the opportunity to attend that evening.

Mr Boatfield started by explaining the risk management framework and national strategy behind the proposals to close the foot crossing and replace it with a footbridge. He also explained about the ongoing consultation process that had been undertaken with Eastleigh and Test Valley Councils as well as Valley Park Parish Council. The closure programme was explained as having a target of reducing the risk by 25% within three years. The numbers of users, the occurrence of trespass and there being no lighting all added to the risk factors. Members were shown pictures of misuse/trespass at the crossing.

The presentation continued with explanations of the need to minimise biodiversity loss and the access by a wooden bridge before the crossing. Due to allowing for provision for potential overhead cables to electrify the track in the future the bridge would need to be 5.2m high. A cycle gutter would be provided, and lighting would be

set in the handrails and controlled by motion sensors and be on a low lux setting when not in use, returning to 100 lux when being used.

To aid accessibility/mobility issues some flat seating could be provided at the top of the steps. The draft designs now included privacy screening to protect nearby dwellings on the Sutherlands Way side.

Detailed design was due to be released in late November or December.

Mr Boatfield welcomed any questions.

Members enquired about other options that were more accessible for wheelchair users and mums with pushchairs. Mr Boatfield replied that at the feasibility study stage subways, ramps and lifts had been looked at but none of these options were feasible.

Issues of safety arising from the lighting level fall off rapidly from 100 lux to virtually nothing were mentioned as was the subject of having seats with regards to children using them as a step up to throw stones or gain access. The seats were explained as being at an angle or perpendicular to the top and the rail height would be 1.5m.

Members also asked about the possibility of ramps to make the bridge more accessible. Network Rail commented that this could add an extra 60-80m of travel distance if complying with 1:20 gradient, which in itself could make it less accessible. Issues of the financial implications were mentioned and discussed with a step bridge estimated at £1.5M and ramps at between £2.5-3M. Lifts were also discussed and their viability and reliability.

The Chairman thanked Mr Boatfield and his colleagues for their time stating that the images of trespassers were alarming and there was no desire to see access lost, that accessibility for prams etc, safety and vandalism were all issues to balance out. She invited Mr Boatfield to return with finalised plans when they were ready. On being asked about timescales Mr Boatfield said that the final consultation was due in January/February and the construction due to start late summer.

**604 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**

This item was returned to and no members of the public had any comments or questions at that time. The Chairman suggested that opportunities for residents' input should be left open via the Parish Office.

**605 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE POTENTIAL BUDGET INPUTS FROM THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.**

As there were no matters raised there was no discussion.

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

- a. **To approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 September 2015,**

It was mentioned by the Clerk that the minutes for signing had the PCSO as Sam Carpenter added as his surname was not previously known.

On a show of hands these were agreed.

- b. **To accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 5 October 2015 previously approved by that committee.**

These were accepted.

**To approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 2 November 2015.**

On a show of hands these were approved.

- c. **To approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 26 October 2015, to note resolutions, the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee.**

With the clarification of the addition of “Have Your Say” to the County Council grant item on page 2 these were agreed and the financial reports were accepted on a show of hands.

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

**608 TO AGREE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee to progress the installation of a fenced compound area in the Fryern Recreation Ground, that funds up to £25,000 be made available from the Asset Improvement Fund for the development of the secure compound for which planning consent has been agreed and to which Full Council AGREED as being made a permanent compound on 27 October 2014 minute point 514.

After proposal by Cllr Grajewski, seconding by Cllr Hughes and on a show of hands the recommendation was AGREED.

- b. To agree the RECOMMENDATION from the Asset Management Committee that processes and in particular processes for major projects are put in place and these are drafted to ensure they are fit for purpose, these to be recommended by the relevant standing committees and reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee for ratification as a RECOMMENDATION at Full Council in December 2015.

After proposal by Cllr Boyes, seconding by Cllr Broadhurst and on a show of hands the recommendation was AGREED.

**609 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE INITIATING THE REQUIRED STAGES FOR THE MAKING OF A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO RESTRICT THE PERIOD OF PARKING AT THE FRYERN AND HILTINGBURY RECREATION GROUND CAR PARKS..**

Cllr Boyes was invited to present the recommendations from the working party. The problems at Hiltingbury were identified as being the most serious with the recommendations being clear. Consultation had taken place with both the schools whose staff numbers totalled 110, with 25 parking spaces located within the perimeter of the school land. Problems with hindering staff with time restrictions had been mentioned. Permits had been discussed. The need for the taxi and disabled bays had also been discussed with the attached speech and language department's needs. The land by the Basement would be a welcome addition but it was doubted there would be any funds available.

The discussion was opened up with an additional portion of time for public participation at 8.20pm. The discussion agreed that there was a need for extra parking, that the school, the recreation ground, The Hilt and the Scout Hut were busy and that the problem had been building over a period of time. It was also agreed that there was a different problem at the weekend from those in the week. The preschool started early until 12, hirers of The Hilt would need all day permits. The need for 60 additional parking spaces with the building of The Hilt had not been accepted by the Planning Department. The need for a longer term strategy was acknowledged. At 8.40pm the meeting reconvened.

Members debated the schools' needs from Monday through Friday and it was noted that perhaps the school could share their parking on weekends. The 3 hour proposed limit was questioned and the period of operation of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). It was mentioned that several aspects had been deliberately left open for discussion and that the intention was to minimise the impact on other neighbouring roads. It was noted that EBC would monitor the situation. It was mentioned by 2 Members that it was the Parish Council's car park, not the schools' and that to treat the schools in a preferential manner would create a precedent for other businesses in the parish. Car share and the football teams training on Saturday mornings was also mentioned as a step that could help the current situation. The complexity of the issues was acknowledged by Members, that the biggest problem would always be parking and that additional parking provided would always be used no matter how much was provided. Suggestions put forward in the debate were to have the period of 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday, the provision of additional parking under the trees making use of geotextile materials, and feasibility studies of options with a civil engineer. A member of the public representing The Hilt as one of its Trustees

commented that they would be looking to taking legal action if nothing was done as it was affecting people booking the rooms.

The Chairman summed up the debate that the recreation grounds' car parks should be for the use of those facilities and suggested that there should be a permit system in place and that the short term recommendations should be implemented. The timings should be Monday to Friday 0800 to 1800 and enforcement be provided by EBC. She also questioned whether the Parish Council could possibly part fund some enforcement. The eco-friendly parking was suggested to be moved from long term to medium term recommendations. The potential car park at the MUGA end of the recreation ground and additional parking for the schools was to be investigated with HCC starting immediately. Also that the long term recommendations for the Hiltingbury car park be brought into the medium term recommendations

The recommendation for resolution was:

**SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS - BOTH SITES**

- Maximum stay three hours
- No return within five hours
- All vehicles must be parked within marked bays
- Failure to comply will attract a financial penalty
- Appropriate signage to be provided to cover the foregoing
- Introduction of a permit system for legitimate parking which falls outside the above limitations (Parish Council staff, booked functions and the like)
- High profile "policing" for first two months of implementation
- Regular reviews to measure effectiveness

An amendment was made to the recommendation of the period of the order to be 0800 – 1800hrs Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays which was proposed by Cllr Broadhurst and seconded by Cllr Luffman on a show of hands this was AGREED. A further amendment was proposed by Cllr Boyes that the period of the order be 0730 – 1930hrs, which was seconded by Cllr Bicknell and on a show of hands this was AGREED. Cllr Grajewski proposed that another amendment be made that none of the recommendations be implemented until an agreement was in place for enforcement from EBC. This was seconded by Cllr Duguid and AGREED on a show of hands.

These then became part of the substantive motion:

**SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS - BOTH SITES**

- Monday to Friday 0730 to 1930 excluding public holidays
- Maximum stay three hours
- No return within five hours

- All vehicles must be parked within marked bays
- Failure to comply will attract a financial penalty
- Appropriate signage to be provided to cover the foregoing
- Introduction of a permit system for legitimate parking which falls outside the above limitations (Parish Council staff, booked functions and the like)
- High profile “policing” for first two months of implementation  
Regular reviews to measure effectiveness.
- Not to be implemented until an agreement was in place for enforcement with EBC.

This was proposed by Cllr Boyes, seconded by Cllr Luffman and AGREED.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Grajewski seconded by Cllr Atkinson and AGREED that the eco-friendly carpark and a feasibility study for parking by the MUGA be included.

The substantive motion for agreement read:

**MEDIUM TERM RECOMMENDATIONS – HILTINGBURY**

- Review current bay marking at Hiltingbury to determine a more efficient layout and identify any physical works necessary to achieve this
- Determine most cost effective “repairs” and resurfacing works to car park generally, taking into account the layout review and provide new line marking
- Pursue grants for the provision of the foregoing Investigate the feasibility of providing an “Eco-Friendly” car park in the vicinity of the MUGA. This would only be used for specified events and manned when being used
- Consider provision of additional car parking spaces when designing alterations and upgrading the existing Hiltingbury Pavilion
- Monitor the proposals for development of the area behind Andersons with a view to supporting any representations from Hiltingbury Schools in acquiring the existing road access as an area for future school car parking. This land currently owned by Eastleigh Borough Council

**MEDIUM TERM RECOMMENDATION – FRYERN**

- Pursue proposals for the development of the area at the end of the current car park in accordance with the Planning consent already granted.

The amended medium term recommendations were proposed by Cllr Luffman, seconded by Cllr Duguid and AGREED by all Members present.

**The time being 9.30pm the meeting was closed as per Standing Orders and Cllr Pragnell's motion was carried over as an early item to the next Agenda.**

**Date and place of next meeting:** 14 December 2015 Fryern Pavilion, Greenways, Chandler's Ford at 7.00pm.

Chairman.....