

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL
ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13 April 2015

Hiltingbury Pavilion, Chandler's Ford 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Hughes (Chairman); Councillors, Atkinson, Aubry, Boyes, Broadhurst, Foulds and Grajewski.

In attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), Phil Eades (Maintenance Contracts Officer) and Cllr Cox

Public Participation: There were no members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES

These were received from Cllr Leslie.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members of the committee stated a declaration of interest.

3. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2015 AND SIGNED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 16 MARCH 2015.

The minutes were noted.

4. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS OFFICER'S REPORT

The officer gave his report which centred on what appeared to be anomalies in the number of visits to play areas which were on the low side.

5. TO AGREE THE ROOM HIRE COSTS FOR THE NEW EXTENSION OF FRYERN PAVILION

The Clerk made his recommendation to the hall hire levels and that they were mid-scale in comparison to other charges locally. He also commented that they could be revisited in 6 months if a review was required. Members discussed the levels and agreed that the small meeting room was rather low and should be increased to £5 per hour. It was also agreed that the use of kitchen facilities should be an additional one off cost to hire, as was done by other local providers. Members discussed the issues of licences and music. It was agreed that music could be played at reasonable volumes and the licences would have to be obtained for the pavilion. With regards to alcohol the Members expressed a desire that no alcohol licence was to be obtained by the council and that if people wished to bring alcohol then they would have to obtain a licence and give a copy to the Clerk.

6. TO NOTE THE CLERK'S QUERIES ON THE INVOICED ANNUAL COSTS FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FROM EBC.

The Clerk reported on the invoice received from Eastleigh for the previous year as shown in the spreadsheet in the briefing note. He said that he was querying the additional items as they related to maintenance issues that the Borough Council should have responsibility for as the then landowner. Members agreed that the items should be questioned and asked the Clerk to keep them informed

7. MOTION: TO DISCUSS AND IMPLEMENT A FOOTPATH NORTHERN SIDE HILTINGBURY RECREATION GROUND AS PHASE ONE. CLLR HUGHES

The motion was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Grajewski. A Member questioned the motion especially the inclusion of the word 'Implemented' as to precisely what was meant. As a result an amendment to the motion was proposed by Cllr Pragnell which was not seconded so the original motion remained the substantive one for the debate. Cllr Hughes briefed Members on the proposals, with photographs for clarity. It was agreed a footpath was desirable, and agreed that the feasibility of the provision of a footpath should be investigated with the following caveats: costs, methodology, eco-friendly and accessible.

8. TO DISCUSS: IN A MOVE TO REDUCE THIS PARISH'S ALLOTMENTS WAITING LIST WHICH CURRENTLY STANDS AT CIRCA 155 (OVER 10 YEARS), THIS COMMITTEE ASKS OFFICERS TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING ALLOTMENTS ON LAND AT SHANNON WAY (BETWEEN 111 SHANNON WAY AND THE REAR OF PROPERTIES IN KEEPERS CLOSE), INCLUDING SUITABILITY, WORKS REQUIRED, PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, ANTICIPATED COSTS AND TIMINGS RE: TAKING OVER THE LAND CURRENTLY IN THE OWNERSHIP OF EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL. DUE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO RETAINING EXISTING INFORMAL PEDESTRIAN ROUTES ACROSS THE LAND AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE REMAINING AMENITY LAND. CLLR GRAJEWSKI.

Cllr Grajewski proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Cllr Grajewski explained that the waiting list was so large that potential land should be identified if possible to provide additional allotments. Members discussed the issues and particularly that of the pylons and whether they carried 11kV or 33kV and the implications of that as well as emergency land access by the electricity company.

It was agreed to look into the initial feasibility of the provision of allotments on this strip of land and Cllr Broadhurst offered to work with the Clerk on the pylon issues to see if it would be possible to progress the proposal any further or not due to the restrictions this would create.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FRYERN EXTENSION

The contractor's report was discussed and the Clerk reported the news that the project Director Simon Gray was off sick following surgery and would not be expected back in the build period. It was also noted that a request for a time extension was probably going to be made shortly.

10. TO NOTE THAT THE HILTINGBURY RECREATION GROUND TRANSFER PAPERS WERE SEALED ON 31 MARCH 2015 COMPLETION OF TRANSFER EXPECTED 9 APRIL 2015.

This was noted

11. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA

Allotments and the garden share initiative, and Pennine Way.

The next meeting was confirmed as 11 May 2015 at the Hiltingbury Pavilion. That being the conclusion of the business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

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