

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 23 JANUARY FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD

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

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

Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

704 APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors: Boyes, Hughes and Pragnell.

705 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

706 COMMUNITY SAFETY – UPDATE

No report was received as the police were not present.

707 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said that she had nothing to report due to the tax workload in January.

708 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a) to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 December 2016,
- b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee's meeting of 9 January 2017
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 16 January 2017 to note the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee, and
- d) approve the minutes of the HR Committee meeting of 17 January 2017.

Apart from a correction to those present at the Full Council meeting of 12 December 2016 to include Cllrs Bull and Leslie as present and to insert a comma between Cllrs Johnson and Jolly and with Members noting that the copy of minutes for signing included the word 'present' at the end of minute point 694. Each minute was AGREED following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands for each item and the financial reports were noted.

709 TO RECEIVE THE FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-2018 THAT HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL AT COMMITTEE STAGES. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE:

- a) TO SET THE BUDGET FIGURES AS RECOMMENDED IN THE FINAL DRAFT, AND
- b) TO SET THE PRECEPT AT £50.27 FOR A BAND D PROPERTY, REPRESENTING A 0% INCREASE AND AGREE THE FINAL FIGURES OF:

PRECEPT:	£457,487.66	
CTSG:	£ 22,916.09	(COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT)
TOTAL:	<u>£480,403.75</u>	

- a) The adoption of the final draft budget for 2017-2018 was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Bull.

The Clerk/RFO briefed Members on the rationale behind the final draft budget, creating a balance between the expected restricted fund movements at year end, anticipated Asset Improvement Fund needs if the Hiltingbury Pavilion extension project was to go ahead, the need for a contingency of minimum 6.6% and general reserves at about a quarter's expenditure (less any reserves being precepted). The Clerk also commented that the training budget had been increased to take into consideration the potential training needs of grounds staff to ensure safe operating of machinery. Finally, he mentioned the play areas and an anticipated expenditure of £50,000 for replacement equipment for Cox Row, Suffolk Drive and Mead Road. This gave a figure of £50.27 for a Council Tax Band D property representing a 0% increase for the year.

As proposer Cllr Scott was asked to speak for the motion and commented that the budget as presented was prudent in all directions, made clear the movements in assets and a zero movement in the precept was appreciated. And recommended the budget for adoption.

Another councillor commented favourably on the budget and thanked the RFO and council management for their efforts throughout the year. Another comment was made regarding the contingency being more comfortable at 10%, but that the budget showed awareness of the potential impact of further asset transfers, if they were to occur.

The Chairman thanked contributors and commented that the budget showed that the council's finances were being well managed and adequate balances were being maintained. She thanked all the office staff and looked forward to continuing improvements across the parish, and particularly the Hiltingbury Pavilion, expressing a hope that the extension project could be taken forwards in the coming year.

As the motion had been proposed and seconded a show of hands was asked for to adopt the budget for the coming 2017-2018 municipal year as per the RFO's recommendation in the agenda item 6.a. The budget was AGREED on a UNANIMOUS show of hands.

- b) The setting of the Precept as per the Agenda Item 6.b. at £50.27 for a Council Tax Band D property representing a 0% increase, Precept: £457,487.66, CTSG: £22,916.09 (Council Tax Support Grant) and Total: £480,403.75 was proposed by Cllr Grajewski and seconded by Cllr Scott. There being no request for a debate, Members were asked to vote on a show of hands which UNANIMOUSLY AGREED the Precept and Council Tax as recommended.

710 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

There were none submitted for the Agenda

711 CORRESPONDENCE: TO NOTE THE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM STEVE BRINE MP SENT TO HIM BY THE LOCAL POLICE.

The correspondence was noted as was a lack of further drugs finds since the previous meeting.

712 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEES:

- a) to agree the RECOMMENDATION from Policy and Finance and Asset Management Committees to adopt the Draft Drugs Paraphernalia and Residuals Disposal Policy,**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the recommendation was AGREED.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 7.17pm and the time and place of the next meeting was confirmed as the Fryern Pavilion, Greenways at 7.00pm on 13 March 2017.

Chairman.....