

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 12 DECEMBER 2016, FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Atkinson (Chairman), Councillors, Aubry, Broadhurst, Cox, Duguid, Foulds, Hughes, Johnson Jolly, Luffman and Simmonds.

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Clerk) PS Mark Brearley and PC Kim Gosden.

Public Participation:

There was one member of the public present who did not wish to speak before the start of the meeting.

694 APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Bicknell, Boyes, Grajewski and Scott. Cllr Pragnell was not.

695 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

696 COMMUNITY SAFETY – UPDATE

PC Gosden gave crime figures for the past three months which totalled 157 incidents which was down twenty-two on the previous quarter. Criminal activities included arson, violence, sexual abuse, shoplifting, drug, and public order offences as well as both dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries. Fryern Arcade had not had any begging or homeless issues since 29 September.

The Chairman commented on the support given to her mother following an incident and urged that residents reported incidents via 101 so that local officers could build up an accurate picture of what was going on locally.

Sgt Brearley commented that the support of elderly and vulnerable people from theft following cold-calling incidents was a high priority and that reporting to 101 was important for the police to determine patterns of offending. Other Members reiterated this point during discussion.

The reduction in officers was also discussed with it being noted that there were now 2 PCs and 2 PCSOs in the parish rather than the 3 and 5 respectively 18 months ago. Intelligence led policing was also mentioned and how the 101 service fed into that with daily reviews and analysis creating 21st century policing.

The value for money by supporting 2 PCSO salaries was commented on by the Chairman along with the drug concerns at the recreation grounds and staff removing and transporting drugs for collection and being put out of use. Sgt Brearley was able to confirm that staff would not be prosecuted by virtue of relevant sections of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The number of PCSOs was discussed with Members questioning whether 2 was adequate for the large size of the parish and whether further funding should be considered, given the low level of crime in the parish generally.

Consideration was given to promoting the 101 service in the parish newsletter. The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation and thanks to the police officers for their work in the parish.

697 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said that she had attended the Velmore Residents' Association meeting and that there were similar issues raised across the parish, and suggested that one full council meeting could be scheduled for a Tuesday at the Velmore Centre rather than on a Monday.

698 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a) to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 31 October 2016,
- b) to accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee's meeting of 14 November 2016 previously approved at the AMC meeting of 5 December, and to approve the minutes of that committee of 5 December 2016,
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 21 November 2016 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 6 December 2016.

Apart from a correction to minute point 690 deleting an additional 'it was'. Each minute was AGREED following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands for each item and the financial reports were noted.

699 TO AGREE THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017.

It was noted the proposed AMC meeting of 15 May clashed with EBC's AGM and it was suggested that if it was critical this could be rescheduled for the Tuesday. And that either the March, July or October Full Council meetings could be moved to a Tuesday and held at Velmore. Subject to these alterations the schedule of meetings was AGREED.

700 TO NOTE THE QUANTITY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF WBCL GOING INTO ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE DEFECTS PERIOD, AND THE DECISION OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 5 DECEMBER 2016 REGARDING THE COMMUNICATION FROM KINETICA CONSULT OVER THE RETENTION AND PAYLESS NOTICE SUMS.

This was noted.

701 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

There were none submitted for the Agenda

702 CORRESPONDENCE: TO NOTE THE RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM STEVE BRINE MP AND THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER.

The correspondence was noted. It was also noted that Network Rail had suggested that the new footbridge was named in recognition of the Rev. Wilbert Audrey, author of the Thomas the Tank Engine series of books. Members agreed that they had absolutely no objection to this suggestion.

703 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEES:

- a) to agree the RECOMMENDATION from Policy and Finance and Asset Management Committees to adopt the Draft Open Spaces Policy,
- b) to agree the RECOMMENDATION from Policy and Finance and Asset Management Committees to adopt the Draft Tree Policy, and
- c) to agree the RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee that the Internal Auditors' report from their first interim visit of the financial year is accepted

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands each recommendation, in turn, was AGREED (the interim Internal Audit report is appended to the minutes).

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 7.43 pm and the time and place of the next meeting was confirmed as the Fryern Pavilion, Greenways at 7.00pm on 23 January 2017.

Chairman.....