

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

**7.00 PM 25 JANUARY 2016 DOVETAIL CENTRE, WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD**

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

**In Attendance:** Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) and Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Clerk)

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **619 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Councillor Bull

#### **620 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

#### **621 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

There was no report.

#### **622 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that it had been a quiet period and that the compound area at the Fryern Recreation Ground had been started and was hoped to be finished that week.

#### **623 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2015;
- b) to approve the minutes of the Hiltingbury Pavilion Working Group of 11 January 2016; and
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 18 January 2016, to note resolutions, the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee.

Following each item being checked for accuracy with item and after proposal and seconding each minute was approved following a show of hands.

#### **624 MEMBERS QUESTION**

**Clr Hughes: As the Hiltingbury Pavilion is in need of an urgent and necessary upgrade, how soon will the Parish Council be able to pursue the funding from the New Homes Bonus fund allocation as identified by Mr Nick Tustian, the Chief Executive Officer of Eastleigh Borough Council, for this purpose when he attended a recent Full Parish Council meeting?**

The Clerk responded that a Working Group had been authorised and had met and once outline recommendations for the project had been agreed and authorised a detailed proposal could be put forward.

Cllr Hughes responded that they should ask for the whole of the £540,000 that was promised.

**625 TO DISCUSS AND SET THE BUDGET, PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2016 TO 31 MARCH 2017 FROM THE OPTION BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2016 TO ALSO AGREE THAT PROVISION CAN BE MADE TO VIRE A SUM FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL YOUTH SERVICE, IF AND WHEN SUCH A SERVICE IS AGREED.**

The Clerk presented his budget briefing for Members explaining the slight upward shift in the net Tax Base, the General and Restricted Reserve as well as Play Area Improvements policies/reasoning and maintaining a Band D Council Tax of £50.27.

Precept:	£453204.66
CTSG:	£ 25703.55
Total:	£478908.21

Following proposal by Cllr Grajewski and seconding by Cllr Foulds, Cllr Grajewski spoke in favour of the draft budget. She thanked the RFO for the preparation of the budget and commented on the fact that a 0% increase reflected good planning, and that savings had been made enabling additional Community Support initiatives which she welcomed and moved that the budget and precept be adopted.

Cllr Foulds chose to reserve his option to speak later.

Members then discussed detail of the budget particularly Reserve levels. It was commented that the RFO couldn't set the Asset Reserve levels precisely as this was a matter for the accountants and what was capital and revenue expenditure.

Issues around an extension to the Hiltingbury Pavilion were also discussed and whether that was to be funded out of New Homes Bonus Grants and out of reserves. To which it was commented that there would be no expenditure without authorisation.

Cllr Broadhurst commented that Andy Thompson who was on the Working Group had a lot of experience in developing sports halls and it was likely that any project would require some match-funding. He also commented that the budget looked about right and that councils had to work differently and try to assess what might happen with at least 2 months of the year still to run. He felt the figures were about as close as it was able to get and that the RFO had done a good job.

With no other Members wishing to add to the debate Cllr Grajewski closed the item commenting that she had listened with interest to some of the concerns and that parishioners would be pleased with a 0% increase and that it remained one of the lowest Parish Council taxes in the Borough.

Following a show of hands the motion was AGREED with a 0% increase in Council Tax, representing Band D Council Tax of £50.27 with Precept £453204.66; CTSG £25703.55; Total £478908.21.

**626 TO CONFIRM THAT THE CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE SUPPORTING THE FRYERN FUNTASIA 2016.**

With no debate being requested following proposal and seconding this was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 7.35 pm and the time and place of the next meeting was confirmed as the Kent Room, Velmore Centre, Falkland Road at 7.00pm 14 March 2016.

Chairman.....