

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 26 SEPTEMBER 2016 KENT ROOM, VELMORE CENTRE, FALKLAND ROAD

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

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), and Sukey Spurlock (Assistant Clerk) and Giles Ashley-Brown.

Public Participation:

There were six members of the public present none of whom wished to speak before the start of the meeting.

673 APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Jolly, Johnson and Simmonds.

674 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Grajewski reported a Declaration of Interest, non-pecuniary, on item 6 on the agenda due to sitting on the Regulatory Committee at Hampshire County Council. Cllr Bicknell declared a possible interest in the same item as he was employed as a train driver, but asked for guidance from the Clerk. (The Clerk sent the Cllr a note advising that he could speak as he could add matters of fact to debate, but not to vote.)

675 COMMUNITY SAFETY – UPDATE

There was no report.

676 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was a short report commenting on the problem of rat infestation that had been mentioned both at the borough's Local Area Committee meeting as well as the Parish Council's Asset Management Committee and that efforts are being made to continue to press both the borough and county councils. It was also mentioned that the Parish Council was looking to solutions for its own land through Rentokil or other similar organisations.

In terms of the new grounds equipment for the maintenance of the recreation grounds, the parish was adopting a policy of being as green as possible, striking a balance between cost and reducing CO2 emissions and savings on fuel.

Several off-agenda items were mentioned by Members which included the sewers/drains, biodiversity areas, the Hursley Road/Hiltingbury Road junction and the pest control having moved to Direct Services and that the rat problem was being followed up through the Borough Council's Local Area Committee.

Giles Ashley-Brown, the council's new Facilities Manager was introduced to Members.

677 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a) **to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 July 2016,**

- b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee's meeting of 5 September 2016,**
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 12 September 2016 to note the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee.**

Each minute was AGREED following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands for each item and the financial reports were noted.

678 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE HOW TO RESPOND TO THE NETWORK RAIL REQUEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITING A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOOT CROSSING AT SUTHERLANDS WAY FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 9 MAY AND RECENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

The Chairman introduced the item briefing members on the issues. Firstly, that the proposed footbridge was not DDA compliant and that known users would struggle more than they currently did. Secondly, whether or not Council agreed with the diversion of the footpath, vertically and horizontally as suggested and that perhaps a subway would be better. The minutes of the previous debate from May were noted as part of the briefing.

Members unanimously welcomed any improvements to safety at the crossing, but debate concentrated on whether the alternative options to a footbridge had been properly assessed. It was noted that only the options of footbridges had been consulted on.

The mechanism of the process of County making a stopping up and diversion order for the right of way were also discussed and that the timings and processes being followed by Network Rail were, in planning terms, back to front and that the situation might arise that the footbridge was there with the Right of Way remaining in place. It was also noted that if a single objection was received by the County Council after the making of the order (if it was to be made) would trigger a referral to the Secretary of State.

It was commented that with many residents of the parish objecting to the footbridge, the parish council should not write a letter of support for Network Rail's proposals, but should welcome any safety improvements. It was also reiterated that there was no safe crossing of a railway other than over or under it.

The Clerk was asked to write to Network rail on the lines of welcoming safety improvements, whilst not supporting the proposals as it was felt the alternative solutions had not been fully investigated.

With regards to the consultation from HCC the Clerk was asked to respond in terms of the Right of Way needing to remain in place until alternatives to a footbridge were properly investigated.

Following proposal, seconding and on a vote the two items were AGREED, with the final wording being agreed by Cllrs Atkinson, Broadhurst and Luffman from the Clerk's draft.

679 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE TEST VALLEY BC OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR 365 DWELLINGS OFF FLEXFORD ROAD.

The Clerk briefed Members that this proposed development of houses was outside the Adopted Local Plan of Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and it was outside any agreed settlement boundaries. Furthermore, it was also not an application responding to a lack of a 5-year housing supply as it appeared the TVBC currently had a 7+ year housing supply identified. Therefore, this application should be rejected by the Planning Authority and be expected to fail at any appeal.

A member of the public asked to speak and talked about the additional traffic that the proposals would create and criticised the inaccuracies in the traffic survey whilst also mentioning the oversubscription to schools, Doctors' surgeries and errors in the wildlife survey.

Members then discussed a response to the application which was considered to be hostile, inappropriate, in the wrong place, exacerbate pollution.

On proposal, seconding and a show of hands it was AGREED that the Clerk should communicate an OBJECTION to the proposals, concentrating on it being hostile, unnecessary, detrimental effects on local infrastructure and nature, with the final wording being agreed by Cllrs Atkinson, Broadhurst and Luffman from the Clerk's draft.

680 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

There were none submitted for the Agenda

681 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEES THAT:

- a. to agree the RECOMMENDATION from Asset Management Committee that the motion of 9 November 2015 on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is amended to read instead of *'Not to be implemented until an agreement was in place for enforcement with EBC'* is replaced by *'Not to be implemented until a methodology was in place for suitable enforcement, such as number plate recognition cameras'*,
- b. to agree the RECOMMENDATION from Policy and Finance that the Facilities Manager be authorised to enable essential purchases up to a value of £500 as per the Maintenance Contracts Officer under Financial Regulation 4.1. To also be authorised to use the Trade UK card to purchase essential maintenance items at B&Q/Screw Fix, and
- c. to agree the RECOMMENDATION from the Policy and Finance Committee that the 2016-2017 Chandler's Ford Parish Council Risk Assessment be adopted and the items identified for further action are taken forwards by Officers.

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

682 TO NOTE THAT FRYERN FUNTASIA HAS BEEN AGREED TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY (MAY 1) 2017.

This was noted.

682 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM HOTEL DE VILLE, RUNGIS, FRANCE ABOUT POSSIBLE TWINNING.

This was noted and the Clerk asked to start undertaking some research on impacts.

683 TO NOTE THAT A 'GRANTED TO YOU' EVENING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE FRYERN PAVILION STARTING AT 7.00PM.

This was noted.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 8.12 pm and the time and place of the next meeting was confirmed as the Fryern Pavilion, Greenways at 7.00pm on 31 October 2016.

Chairman.....