

**CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**8 December 2014**

**Hiltingbury Pavilion, Chandler's Ford 7.00 pm**

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

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

**Public Participation:**

There were three members of the public present representing the Tennis Club and other tennis groups. They made a presentation to the Committee about the state of the playing surface at the Hiltingbury tennis courts and that they felt the courts needed resurfacing to increase their safety and playability. They mentioned that the courts were being heavily used all year round and that most of the damage had come from skateboarders using them previously. It was also mentioned that people were driving to Winchester and to private clubs to play tennis.

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council still did not own the recreation ground and therefore could do nothing about resurfacing at the present time. Members asked about the membership of the club which was 14 with informal groups bringing the total up to about 80 regular users. The rent the club paid for booking the two upper courts on Wednesday evenings was £170 p.a. It was also mentioned by Members that there was more regular sweeping of the courts being undertaken and that EBC officers had recently said that the surface was really very good for Local Authority courts.

The Chairman said he would ask the Clerk to write again to EBC so that it could be brought up on the LAC's next Working Group.

**1. APOLOGIES.**

These were received from Cllrs Aubry and Cox, Cllr Pragnell was not present.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were none noted.

**3. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER AND PREVIOUSLY SIGNED AT FULL COUNCIL ON 1 DECEMBER 2014 TO WHICH THERE ARE NO MATTERS ARISING.**

These were noted.

**4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON A PROPOSED FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT AT FRYERN RECREATION GROUND.**

Richard Pemberton had stepped in for Hayley Trower and gave a report on the options for an extended footpath at the recreation ground that would be financed through Living Streets. He informed Members of the origins of the project, the walking audits of members of the public

and how it would benefit the Park and Stride initiative for school children. The rejection of the first option by EBC following consultation was noted leaving option 2.

Members discussed the options and issues with Mr Pemberton and expressed concerns over the potential increased use of the car park by parents that would be in conflict with the use of the car park with the extended and improved pavilion.

Members voted on whether they wanted the footpath at all which was rejected.

**5. TO NOTE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM POLICY AND FINANCE WITH REGARDS TO DOG CONTROL ORDERS AND SIGNAGE AND TO AGREE ANY OTHER SIGNS REQUIRED FOR RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS.**

The Clerk reported that he wanted to make sure that additional signs as required were designed and printed along with the dog signs. The Chairman mentioned no horse riding signs for Hiltingbury Recreation and a Member mentioned no golf signs for the Fryern Recreation.

**6. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS OFFICER REPORT:**

Mr Eades reported on the Hiltingbury Pavilion Building issues which had been rectified and those remaining outstanding summarising his detailed written report.

He also reported on the Ramalley allotments water supply and to options to installing an additional meter. The best option proposed was option 3 which was to do nothing as the water charge was reducing due to the removal of any waste water costs this was AGREED. Continuing with allotments Mr Eades reported on Eagle Close and it was AGREED that a single additional standpipe be installed at a cost of around £400.

Finally Mr Eades asked for feedback on the proposed Play Area Monthly Report and its proposed structure. It was AGREED that the proposed report was fine.

**7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS ON THE FRYERN PAVILION EXTENSION.**

Members accepted the monthly report from Wilding Butler and noted more information was available if wanted. It was also noted that a regular update/diary photograph would be posted on the website.

**8. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE INITIAL PRECEPT PRIORITIES FROM THE SUBMITTED PARISH ASPIRATIONS LIST**

The Clerk mentioned that his priority was to be able to feedback into the 2015-2016 budget essential and agreed Precept costs from the transfer of assets and planned asset replacement along with building reserves to undertake longer term projects. It was AGREED that the list would be taken to a working group and a meeting was asked to be set so that the next committee meeting in January was in the position to make recommendations for the budget.

**9. HILTINGBURY RECREATION GROUND TRANSFER UPDATE.**

The previously reported boundary issues were reported as continuing to delay the transfer. It was also reported that fallen leaves were presenting a problem on footpaths which officers were asked to report to Street Scene.

**10. FRYERN/HILTINGBURY TRO UPDATE**

The Clerk briefed members on the issues and the lack of firms interested in doing such a small TRO and that therefore only two estimates were available despite two other firms being invited to quote.

Members AGREED that the TRO needed to be put in place for the carparks and that considering the time it would take it was better to get it underway with costs being recovered in next year's Precept. Following proposal, seconding and agreement by all it was RESOLVED that the Clerk proceed with the TRO.

**11. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE INTERIM FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF RECREATION GROUNDS BY PERSONAL TRAINERS TRAINING ON A SMALL AND LARGER GROUP BASIS TO ENABLE QUANTIFICATION OF DAMAGES FOR FUTURE FEE STRUCTURES.**

The Clerk commented that until the extent of the damage done by allowing personal trainers using recreation grounds for boot-camp training it was impossible to quantify the additional grounds maintenance costs that might be incurred. He also commented that the sliding scale for group sizes and number of sessions per week per recreation ground used by Elmbridge Council seemed a realistic way of accounting for these expected repair costs. The Clerk was asked to see if he could get sight of an Elmbridge licence. The question of a bond/deposit was mentioned by Members.

**12. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA.**

Cllr Leslie requested that the RidgeRider be brought to the next Agenda, the Chairman asked the Clerk to inform Members of some of the complexities that had become clear in the research being undertaken.

**The next meeting date of the committee was confirmed as 12 January 2015.**

That being all the business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman.....