

**CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING 20 January 2014**  
**Rainbow Room, United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Chandlers Ford**  
**(7.00 pm – 9.10 pm)**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Atkinson (Chairman); Councillors Bicknell, Boyes, Broadhurst, Davidovitz, Foulds, Ms Grajewski, Miss Hodgson, Luffman, Olson, Pragnell, Streeter and Thorpe

In attendance: Sukey Spurlock – Assistant to the Parish Clerk, Kevin Glyn-Davies – Acting Parish Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

**442. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cole, Mrs Gault and Hosegood

**443. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No members of Council made a declaration of interest.

**444. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present were advised that they may address the Parish Council.

Barry Mitchell – Chairman of FLORA, wanted to announce and invite members to their next meeting, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7.30 – 8.00 pm at St Martins, Queens Road. Special guest speaker to be Colin Bashford - Tree Specialist.

Raised concerns about verge parking and possible solutions. To be debated later

**445. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Chairman introduced Sergeant Mark O'Hanlon, Hampshire Constabulary and invited him to address members on the current crime statistics.

Sergeant O'Hanlon started by revealing that the crime figures for the rolling year (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March) so far are:

Total crime	4% down (force average)
Anti-Social Behaviour	6% down
Criminal Damage	7% down
Violent Crime (EBC & Romsey)	17% down

The high percentage of success in reducing violent crime was mainly due to changes in the procedures for domestic violence in tracking vulnerability. At present they are

piloting a positive attitude towards domestic violence, which means identifying the risk and ensuring the appropriate agencies are contacted.

Government cuts will see changes from 1<sup>st</sup> April across the country as they look to cut another £25,000,000. They are looking to achieve this by closing buildings and cutting staff levels. Luckily, although services will change by smarter working, we should not see any changes for our area in Response Officers, CID and The Safer Neighbourhood scheme. These services will remain the same

With respect to anti-social behaviour, it became apparent that information on some occasions was not being communicated in the best way. This has been addressed across the force and we are pleased to report:-

- 1) Occasions at The Hilt resulted in the culprits being apprehended and dealt with, with one accepting a six week course with the Youth Offending Team.
- 2) Occasions during November 2013 with vandalism to cars, walls and fences at the end of Castle Lane resulted in 9 men being caught and dealt with.

With respect to alcohol and drugs misuse we are happy to state that alcohol misuse is on the decline with virtually nobody being seen with alcohol on the streets or in parks.

Operation Fortress, set up to deal with the taking and supply of class A drugs has been so successful, that we can confirm that dealing is now no longer taking place in Eastleigh. Operation Fortress is now looking at targeting class B drugs also. This will help with the increase in cannabis use.

Hampshire Constabulary would like to introduce Catherine Manns as Community Support officer. Catherine replaces Kevin White in the Eastleigh Safer Neighbourhood Team. Hampshire Constabulary had thanked Kevin for his commitment to policing in Chandler's Ford over the last 5 years, with special thanks for his work with young people and schools with respect of the dangers of drugs.

With respect to parking on verges, Sergeant O'Hanlon advised members and the public that Hampshire Constabulary has limited power to deal with this issue - Wilfull Obstruction, unnecessary obstruction or dangerous parking on a junction - and had to follow the guidelines set out in law to educate people to park better.

Corporate parking has been an issue preventing homeowners from parking at or near their own address. Ongoing communication between police and the companies has proved largely successful with introducing park and ride options

With respect to council tax, a 3% increase is expected to the Police budget.

#### **446. QUESTIONS REGARDING PARKING, TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS AND COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH.**

Various questions asked by members and public about the use of:

- a) Dragons teeth to counteract verge parking.
- b) Access denied or no access signs to counteract corporate parking.
- c) Requested statistics on accident percentage
- d) How far along has community speedwatch come.

It was SUGGESTED that

- a) Polite cards to be handed out again to cars parked unthoughtfully
- b) Accident percentage report was included with the crime updates
- c) Community speed watch would become self sustaining after training complete

#### **447. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Mrs Atkinson also thanked PC Kevin White very much for all he has achieved in the last few years with his work with young people and the schools in Chandler's Ford.

#### **447. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 October 2013 were considered for accuracy. No members raised any issues of accuracy.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 October 2013 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting 27 November 2013 were considered for accuracy. No members raised any issues of accuracy.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 September 2013 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **448. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Council meeting 29 October 2013**

Questions were raised with respect to 431. Re various new committees being formed as to whether the workload would be too much for the Parish Council.

It was SUGGESTED that the implementation of these items to be raised in future.

## **Special Council meeting 27 November 2013**

It was requested that the recommendations submitted to EBC should be circulated to all members on separate paper via Sue Hobbs

### **449. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Members were invited to consider the draught budget proposals for the Parish Council 2014/15 and members were invited to raise any specific questions with regard to these proposals.

Members raised questions in respect of

- a) Temporary accommodation whilst building work carried out
- b) Extra budget for Parish events and hanging baskets
- c) Cutting meeting costs by making more use of Hiltingbury Pavilion

Members recognised that this was a transitional year for the Parish Council and that the budget needed monitoring during the next financial year to inform decisions on the budget for the following year.

It was unanimously AGREED:

- 1) That the draught budget for 2014/15 is excepted and that the Parish Council request a precept of 265,454.00 from Eastleigh Borough Council.

Members requested that the Parish Council draught an enclosure to the Council tax bill of the residents of Chandler's Ford to inform them of the rationale for the element of the budget and subsequent precept for Chandler's Ford.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The parish clerk to contact EBC press officer to make arrangements for the enclosure for the council tax bills.

### **450. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held 10 March 2014 at The Kent Room, Velmore Centre, Falkland Road, Chandlers Ford

**CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING 20 JANUARY 2014**  
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**451. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH ALTERATIONS TO THE FRYERN PAVILION**

Members requested clarification on the budget holder for the proposed improvements to Fryern Pavilion. Members were referred to the council meeting of 21 October 2013, when it was agreed that Cllr Boyes would act as the budget holder for the initial phase of the project.