

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 14 DECEMBER 2015 DOVETAIL CENTRE, WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD

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

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), Rachael Gatesman and Amy Johnson from Groundworks South (Velmore Youth Café)

Public Participation

There was one member of the public present.

610 APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Bull, Johnson, Luffman, Scott and Simmonds.

611 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

612 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

There was no report.

613 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Lantern Parade had taken place on 2 December with the Fryern and Merdon schools taking part and that pictures were on the Council's website. The event had been well attended and was obviously gaining a good reputation.

The Chairman reported also that Steve Brine MP's Christmas card had been received and that it was a competition winner with an image of an angel playing bagpipes.

614 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GROUNDWORKS (SOUTH) ON THE YOUTH WORK AT THE VELMORE CENTRE.

The Chairman welcomed Rachael Gatesman and Amy Johnson from the Groundworks South Velmore Youth Café team.

Amy said that the 2 years since the project started had made a difference and the feedback showed that they were delivering what was wanted. The project had been jointly funded by Eastleigh Borough Council, the Parish Council and First Wessex. The Velmore estate was considered an area of deprivation and the project's client group included some of the most vulnerable groups including youth pregnancy, low self-esteem and substance abuse.

The project delivered 2 sessions on a Tuesday evening for 11-14 and 15-19 year olds and 15 youngster per week attended on average. The project delivers knowledge and life-skills, self-development. In delivering 94 sessions 1197 interventions took place with 120 young people. Some special needs were addressed, identifying what

was a healthy relationship, identifying bullying, a small social enterprise was run, and the development of peer support groups.

Members were invited to ask questions which covered mix of groups target audience, outreach and funding. The responses were that there was a mix of ages and two 90 minute sessions, typically more females attended than males, and outreach was aimed at areas that were hotspots for antisocial behaviour as well as recreational areas. The project was young person led and that outcomes for individuals were more important than numbers. The staff/user ratio requirements mean that with 2 staff 24 users was the maximum capacity at a session, the annual cost was £8,500 p.a. and that First Wessex had indicated that there would be no funding available for provision in 2016-2017.

It was agreed that there was potential provision for some additional funding to make up the shortfall as the budget for the coming year had not been agreed as yet and that the Chairs of the Eastleigh LAC and CFPC should have a discussion about additional funding.

The Chairman thanked Amy and Rachael for the insight into the project and that councillors would need to think about the budget and that it should continue as otherwise there would be a detriment to the area.

- 615 MOTION PROPOSED BY CLLR D PRAGNELL “THAT THIS PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO PROTEST A SECOND TIME IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ABOUT THE STANDARD OF THE SURFACE OF OAKMOUNT RD. MANY OF THE PROBLEMS HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTED BY THE ADDITIONAL SURFACE DRESSING AND THE SURFACE REMAINS IN POOR CONDITION WITH HUMPS, RUTS, CRACKS, SURFACE POOLING AND INCONSISTENT BREAKING SURFACE. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE ROAD IS FULLY RE-LAID WITH ALL CURBS, DRAIN AND MANHOLE COVERS CORRECTED LEVELLED.”**

Cllr Pragnell spoke for his motion commenting on the atrocious condition of the road despite the surface dressing that had been applied following the repairs, that pooling water would represent an ice hazard in the winter and the safety surfacing was in a dreadful state of repair. Agreeing with these comments Cllr Leslie seconded the motion.

The motion was therefore opened to debate. Agreeing broadly with the motion Cllr Hughes proposed an amendment to strengthen the motion. This was *“In addition to this a duty of care is not being undertaken towards many of the roads in Chandler’s Ford that are in need of more than the general touch up maintenance. That this Parish Council considers that adequate road maintenance in the parish is very important to ensure the safety of all road users. Repairs are not completed to an adequate standard and on a timely basis.”* The amendment was seconded by Cllr Boyes.

Members debated the amended motion concentrating on the fact that Oakmount Road was not properly sealed and the state of many of the other major roads in the parish and particular reference was given to Brown Hill Road, Park Road and Derby Road.

At the close of the debate Cllr Pragnell commented that he was prepared to accept the amended motion and spoke briefly in closing supporting the safety concerns he had with the current state of Oakmount Road.

Following a show of hands the motion was CARRIED and the Clerk requested to write to HCC Highways.

616 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 November 2015,
- b) to approve the minutes of the HR Committee of 4 November 2015,
- c) to approve the minutes of the Planning Highways and Licencing Committee held on 18 November 2015,
- d) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 30 November 2015, to note resolutions, the financial reports, and to ratify the payments agreed by that committee,
- e) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 7 December 2015, and
- f) to approve the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 8 December 2015.

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

617 MEMBERS QUESTIONS (NONE SUBMITTED FOR THE AGENDA)

618 TO AGREE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Asset Management Committee that the Terms and Conditions for Use for the Hiltingbury Tennis Courts be adopted.

Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the RECOMMENDATION was AGREED.

- b) To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Audit and Risk Committee that the delegated powers of the Asset Management Committee has the following addition made:

“To purchase and issue contracts for services/works up to a value of £50,000 within the allocated funds set in the budget for Asset Improvements including Play Area Improvements as well as allotments, recreation grounds and pavilions’ maintenance.”

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Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the RECOMMENDATION was AGREED.

- c) To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Audit and Risk Committee, following agreement by Policy and Finance and Asset Management Committees that the attached Terms and Conditions for Contracts for Services be adopted and that Members NOTE the Guidance on Contracts from Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.**

Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the RECOMMENDATION was AGREED.

- d) To AGREE the RECOMMENDATION from the Audit and Risk Committee that the tender contract limit as referred to in the Financial Regulations Part 11.1 Contracts, paragraphs b, f and h be reduced from £60,000 to £50,000 to maintain continuity to the Terms and Conditions for Contracts for Services.**

Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the RECOMMENDATION was AGREED.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm and the time and place of the next meeting was confirmed as the Dovetail Centre Chandler's Ford at 7.00pm.

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