

**CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL MEETING 28 APRIL
2014 - DOVETAIL CENTRE, CHANDLER'S FORD METHODIST CHURCH**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Atkinson (Chairman), Bicknell, Boyes, Broadhurst, Foulds, Grajewski, Hughes, Luffman, Olson, Pragnell,

In Attendance – Acting Parish Clerk – Kevin Glyn-Davies

466. APOLOGIES

Cllrs: Bull, Davidovitz, Hodgson, Roberts

467. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

468. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None recorded.

469. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Following the resignation of the Parish Clerk it has proved time consuming seeking temporary cover for the role and ensuring the Parish Council continues to function effectively. The Chairman reported that Kevin Glyn-Davies has agreed to accept appointment as our Acting Parish Clerk until a permanent appointment is made. She expressed her hope that the recommendation from the Policy & Finance committee for this appointment will be ratified by Full Council at this meeting. The process of appointing a new Parish Clerk has started and she felt certain that the HR committee will keep Council advised of progress.

She requested that Council joined her in thanking the Assistant Parish Clerk for all the work she is doing to maintain office services during this time. Last Saturday, the Chairman attended the annual Kings Court Young Persons Awards – presentations made by the Mayor of Eastleigh. These awards are made to young people who have shown courage and leadership, or who have acted selflessly towards their friends and colleagues. There were truly amazing stories that were shared. The Chairman considered that the community is very lucky to have so many young people with such qualities in the Parish.

At this point in the Meeting, the Chairman elected to take the following agenda item.

470. Community Safety Update

The Chairman welcomed Sgt. O'Hanlon to the meeting together with two colleagues. He stated that the Home Office are carrying out policing changes and that this will result in a major impact on the delivery of policing. Essentially, back office functions are being restructured and reconsidered. Police have been judged on detection rates but this approach is now being phased out. It was reported that different methodologies employed for various categories of crime distort the figures. In essence, the whole purpose is to achieve the right outcomes for the public perception of crime.

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Police will still have a District Commander and work with key partners such as Parish Councils and Borough Councils. There will still be a Sector Inspector for the Eastleigh Borough area and neighbourhood sergeants (Beat 6).

The Police have recently been concentrating on the reasons for an offence being committed and addressing this as a means of reducing crime. They have examined locations and have focussed on the most vulnerable people in society. Sgt. O'Hanlon cited victims of domestic violence and hate crime as highlighted examples.

He stated that crime has reduced by 20% over the last three years in the area and gave a detailed evaluation of the relevant statistics. He stated that the two crime centred areas that need to be monitored are at the Hiltingbury Rec and the Tesco Express. He reported that the people involved are on ABC contracts. Cannabis usage is prevalent and wider work is being undertaken on Class A drugs. There used to be a problem with heroine usage but as a result of Operation Fortress this has been resolved.

Sgt. O'Hanlon touched on Community Speed Watch and volunteers are always needed and that the scheme self-perpetuates. He felt there were enough people to form a Community Speed Watch event for Chandler's Ford.

Cllr. Olson commented that the report on the latest crime figures was very good. He enquired whether there was more that the Parish Council could do, to support the police. Sgt. O'Hanlon felt that the Junior PCSO Scheme could be extended to schools. The Parish Council may wish to consider the purchase of stationery (hats, florescent tabards as examples) at some point in the future. The police are also considering bringing back police cadets.

Cllr. Broadhurst congratulated the police on the encouraging crime figures for the area. He asked what the general public should look out for in relation to vulnerable people and what the signs are if matters don't quite appear as they should. Sgt. O'Hanlon cited some examples and advised that if there is anything odd, people must phone 101 as it is the police objective to ensure that vulnerable people don't 'slip through the net'.

Cllr. Grajewski expressed her concerns as to the accuracy of the crime reports stating that not all incidents are listed. She enquired as to how the police measure the effectiveness of the crime reports and how this operated. She raised the question on obstructive parking, citing especially the 'Access Only' area in Velmore Road and the use of grass verges for parking all day.

Sgt. O'Hanlon advised that crime reports are updated at midnight every day and there are different headings determined by the nature of the crime and which category they are allocated and it may be the case that a specific crime is linked to another under a different heading. The crime reports go back three months.

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A member of the public questioned the reliability of the crime reports and the associated statistics. She referred specifically to the data maps identifying hot spot crime areas and was dubious as to the accuracy of the information. She felt that there has been a distinct lack of under reporting from the public on drug and crime incidents in the Scantabout area. Sgt. O'Hanlon assured the member of the public that he would investigate the matters brought to his attention at this meeting and report back.

There have been a number of cases at Bournemouth Road where some crime prevention work has been undertaken following a spate of wing mirrors having been damaged.

A member of the public questioned the matter of crime numbers being issued on reporting of incidents as no such numbers are being issued in their experience. Sgt. O'Hanlon stated that crime numbers should be issued coupled with the offer of any victim support required.

999 and 101 incidents are being merged from control rooms and consolidated into Resolution Centres.

Sgt. O'Hanlon advised those present that when the police request ambulance back up on a 999 call they have to phone 999 in the same way as the public, to request ambulance support and not directly through SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service).

Sgt. O'Hanlon concluded his report by responding to the question on parking. He stated that the police are happy to ticket offending vehicles blocking drives, parking on grass verges if they are causing an obstruction or defying 'Keep Clear' signs. The police are happy to work with partners to resolve the problem and perhaps raise the profile of the issue of parking problems in the parish.

471. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- (a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 March 2014 were considered for accuracy. No issues on the accuracy of these Minutes were raised.

It was AGREED that the Minutes of 10 March 2014 be signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

- (b) Minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting of 19 March 2014 were considered for accuracy. No issues on the accuracy of these Minutes were raised.

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting of 19 March 2014 be signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

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- (c) Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 14 April 2014 were considered for accuracy. No issues on the accuracy of these Minutes were raised.

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee be signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

472. MATTERS ARISING

None recorded on the Minutes as prescribed.

473. RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Policy and Finance Committee – 14 April 2014 – Minute 6(a)

It was RESOLVED to appoint Kevin Glyn-Davies as Acting Parish Clerk for the foreseeable future.

(a) Policy and Finance Committee – 14 April 2014 – Minute 6(b)

It was RESOLVED to appoint J. Humphry Associates Limited to prepare the Chandler's Ford Parish Council accounts in preparation for audit for the financial year 2013/2014.

(b) Asset Transfer Management Team Committee – 22 April 2014

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations contained therein under 1, 2, 3 and 4.

474. CHANDLER'S FORD WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE

The Chairman advised members that the refurbishment of the war memorial is starting in June. English Heritage has expressed an interest in carrying out a case study on the war memorial renovation and feature this accordingly on the Heritage Lottery Website.

Cllr. Olson felt it was important to ensure that the church approval is also sought to ensure agreement with all parties involved.

475. MOTION – CLLR JUDITH GRAWJEWSKI

'That this Council will formally write to neighbouring Councils, namely Test Valley Borough Council, Winchester City Council and Southampton City Council to request that they notify Chandler's Ford Parish Council of all planning applications within 2 miles of their borders with the Chandler's Ford Parish Council area as they inform statutory consultees'

Cllr. Grawjewski introduced the above Motion explaining the reasons giving rise for consideration of this Motion. She felt strongly that the Parish Council need to be consulted on planning applications that can have an impact on the Parish and should

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be kept apprised of any developments forthwith and that the appropriate bodies be advised accordingly. The Motion was Seconded by Cllr. Olson.

Members RESOLVED to agree the Motion as prescribed.

476. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered one item of correspondence which was noted.

477. CHEQUE AUTHORISATION

The Clerk verbally tabled a list of cheques drawn on the Council's bank account for expenditure items since the last Council meeting, which amounted to £5,943.18.

The Cheques as detailed were RESOLVED for payment.

Cllr. Hughes voiced his concerns as to a number of supplier invoices that will require payment ahead of the Fryern Fantasia and the Assistant Clerk was tasked with checking to establish if the invoices have been sent to the office.

478. MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

Cllr. Luffman sought confirmation from Hampshire County Council with regard to checking the formal designated lorry route for the new rubbish depot and confirmation that this is not being re-routed through the Velmore Estate.

479. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Annual Parish Assembly – 7 May 2014 – Fryern Pavilion

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.34 hours.