

## **CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING**

**3 APRIL 2012**

**St Martins Church, Queens Road, Chandler's Ford**

**(7.00 pm – 8.52 pm)**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Atkinson (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Arnett, Bicknell, Davidovitz, Ms Grajewski, Ms Hodgson, Hughes, Olson and Streeter

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Broadhurst, Bull, Cole, Mrs Gault, Hosegood, Pragnell, Mrs Roberts and Streeter

In attendance: Stephen Mursell Parish Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

### **250. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No members stated a declaration of interest

### **251. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present at the meeting were advised that they could address the Council.

### **252. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman attended the opening of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and Fryern Recreation Building by Dame Mary Fagan. The morning started at Fryern Junior School where the children entertained the audience with their own jubilee song and then Dame Mary formally opened the Garden and the Fryern Pavilion building. Dame Mary flew the Diamond Jubilee flag on the new flagpole, the first Diamond Jubilee flag flown in Hampshire.

The finals of Chandler's Ford's Got Talent were held but due to the birth of a new granddaughter the Chairman was unable to attend. In her absence Cllr Grajewski represented the Parish Council and members were advised that it was a successful evening attended by many parents. It is hoped that that the event can be repeated.

The Chairman had also attended meetings of the Fryern Funtasia committee, a Junior Youth Council meeting and a meeting of the Velmore Community Association.

The Chairman had also represented the Parish Council at the Friends of Hocombe Mead Easter event and presented prizes on behalf of the Parish Council for the Easter hat competition.

The Vice Chairman took over the meeting at this stage as the Chairman was suffering

with a throat infection finding it difficult to speak.

### **253. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 March 2012 were considered for accuracy.

Subject to these amendments it was AGREED that:

- 1) Concerning the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 12 March 2012.  
Item 238, page 129, paragraph 6 "County" to be inserted in Hampshire Council  
Item 238, page 129, paragraph 7, planning application, rather than permission  
Item 238, page 129, paragraph 8, planning application rather than consent
- 2) Subject to these amendments the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 March 2012 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

### **254. MATTERS ARISING**

Members enquired if Mr Ramshaw had replied to the Clerk with answers to the questions that members had raised at the last meeting concerning the re-siting of the Waste Recycling Centre.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Ramshaw had been supplied with an extract of the minutes of the last meeting detailing the additional information that members had requested but no reply had been received from Mr Ramshaw.

Members were also concerned that a news article in the Daily Echo stated that the Waste Recycling Centre had been given the go ahead by Hampshire County Council. The Clerk advised members that he had not received notification from Hampshire County Council that a planning application had been made. Cllr Davidovitz confirmed that he would make enquiries of the planning officers at Hampshire County Council as to whether an application had been made.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The Clerk would contact Mr Ramshaw to seek urgent replies to the matters of concern regarding the Waste Recycling Centre raised by members
- 2) Cllr Davidovitz would confirm whether a planning application for the Waste Recycling Centre had been made or considered

### **255. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Clerk updated members on discussions at the last Planning meeting on Tree and Footpath Wardens following concerns members expressed that Wardens should receive adequate training. The Clerk stated that this would be addressed with assistance from officers of Eastleigh Borough Council.

The Clerk also updated members with information provided by Highways Department on follow up work highlighted by the footpath survey. Highways Department confirmed that annual inspections of footpaths had been carried out and remedial work regarding overgrowth of vegetation, and urgent repairs and maintenance had been attended to, but their computer systems did not allow for the Parish Council records to be updated automatically with such information.

Members considered that Highways Department should provide further evidence of inspections carried out, repair works carried out and vegetation notices issued.

It was AGREED that:

- 1)The Clerk should request confirmation from Highways Department of inspections carried out and call for copies of their inspection records
- 2) The Clerk should request confirmation from Highways Department of repairs carried out and other repairs yet to be carried out and copies of their maintenance records
- 3) The Clerk should request copies of the vegetation notices sent to householders in order that obstruction to footpaths could be followed up

Cllr Hodgson reported that a prospective Tree Warden volunteer had attended the meeting and also reported that members had requested that a book to help identify species of tree should be purchased by the Clerk.

It was AGREED that:

- 1)The Clerk should purchase a reference book to assist members in identifying tree species

## **256. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Clerk updated members following concerns that members had raised at the last meeting concerning damage caused by verge parking.

It was ascertained that although no verge parking restrictions were in place in some areas, the likelihood of any further restrictions being imposed was uncertain due to the lack of resource to enforce the existing orders. Damage caused by utility contractors was enforced by Highways Department, but occasional damage caused by other road users will be difficult to follow up.

Cllr Atkinson stated that she had contacted Sgt Welsh of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to enquire as to the legality of polite notices to be put under windscreen wipers of offending vehicles parking on verges. Sgt Welsh had confirmed that such notices were legal and he would welcome such an initiative, however the enforceability of notices was doubtful.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The issue of polite notices to deter verge parking would be looked in to further and a proposal brought to the Parish Council in due course

The Clerk updated members on a pilot Junior PCSO scheme that the Safer Neighbourhood Team was hoping to start at Fryern Junior School. It was hoped that the Parish Council would support this scheme with some funding and also promote the initiative.

Members welcomed the initiative and hoped that once the pilot scheme was established it could be extended to other schools in the parish. It was also suggested that as Sgt Welsh was attending the next Policy and Finance meeting this initiative could also be discussed at that meeting.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Parish Council would support the Junior PCSO initiative subject to confirmation of the financial support required to launch the initiative

The Clerk advised members that he had received reports of various telephone scams as a result of which some residents in Hampshire had suffered financial loss.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Clerk should publish details of the telephone scams on the Parish Council website as public information for residents

## **257. ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

The Clerk reported that members had advised him of various road safety issues across the parish including the need for a safe crossing point at South Millers Dale and a safe crossing point at Hiltingbury Recreation ground. Members were concerned that parking restrictions were being applied in more areas across the parish and suggested that no street parking had the effect of increasing speeding on many roads.

Members considered that of all the road safety issues considered speeding was the main issue. Members were advised that proposals for a Parish Council speed enforcement initiative would be introduced at the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

## **258. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Member's representatives provided updates on community groups across the parish.

Chandler's Ford Community Association - no update.

Hiltingbury Community Association - the Parish Council is seeking to commence a joint initiative for enhanced youth facilities and also potentially working with the Parish Council on the Diamond Jubilee Beacon lighting.

Velmore Steering Group - now renamed the Velmore Community Association. The building is due to be handed over on 2 May 2012 and the formal opening on 19 July 2012.

Velmore Traffic Steering Group - no update.

North Millers Dale Association - the problems with the ownership of the Centre have not been resolved. An alternative solution is to use developer's contributions to develop a new community building with South Millers Dale.

QE2 Jubilee Activity Centre - no update.

Transitions Group - the garden share initiative is still progressing and the insurance issue has yet to be resolved.

Surrey Court Steering Group - the planning permission has been obtained and plans for the decanting of residents are progressing with some able to remain while building works progress. There are issues over potential rent increases which are yet to be resolved.

It was AGREED that:

1) The June Parish Council meeting due to be held in Velmore will have Surrey Court as a main discussion area

## **259. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that he had received today notification of a proposed safe crossing point at Chandler's Ford Infants School in Kings Road.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Clerk would circulate details of the proposed scheme for comment

Cllr Davidovitz had received a letter from the Under Secretary of State concerning a request for funding to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Although no current funding under the FrontRunner scheme was available the request will be considered should funding become available.

## **260. FINANCE MATTERS**

The Clerk tabled a list of cheques drawn on the Council's bank account for various expenditure items since the last Council meeting.

It was AGREED that:

1) The following cheques be endorsed

Cheque No	Net	VAT	Gross
100113 ISL Solutions Printer cartridge	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
100114 Toucan Designs CFPC branding			£200.00
100115 HCA			

Room Hire deposit	£60.00
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Members were asked to authorise the following requests for payment:

S Mursell Office expense	£60.46
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S Mursell January salary	£931.46
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HMRC Tax & NI	£651.14
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HALC Office rent	£187.20
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CFCA Room hire	£120.00
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HCC NCCZ signs	£50.00
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C Ford UR Church Room hire	£45.50
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Southern Water Ramalley water bill	£238.57
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HCC NCCZ signs	£50.00
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ISL Toner cartridge	£48.00
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Parish of C Ford Room hire	£21.75
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C Ford Methodist Church Room hire	£112.50
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SLCC Subscriptions	£157.00
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British Gas

Eagle Close electricity	£146.14
S Mursell January salary	£931.46
HMRC Tax & NI	£651.14
Hampshire Police PCSOs support 11/12	£14,000.00

The Clerk advised members that there was a balance at bank of £15,582.78 once all the cheques listed above were presented for payment at the bank.

## **261. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

The Chairman reminded members that the Fryern Funtasia is due to take place on Monday 7 May at Fryern recreation ground. Members were shown a draft poster for the event and called for all members to assist on the day.

Cllr Boyes requested an update on the Code of Conduct issue that had been raised at a previous meeting concerning a member of the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that the matter had been dealt with by a sub-committee of the Standards Committee and that no further action was to be taken. Members wished clarification as to whether there is an appeal that can be made to this decision.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk will seek clarification as to whether an appeal can be made in to this decision

Cllr Hughes wished to express his thanks to the Street Pastors for the increased patrols to the Hiltingbury Recreation Ground that have resulted in decreased nuisance caused by youths kicking footballs against the Hilt.

Cllr Hughes was also concerned about the amount of litter at the Hiltingbury recreation ground and requested that a letter be sent to Thornden School expressing the Parish Council's concern about littering. Members felt that should a letter be sent it should be sent to all schools in the area expressing concern about the amount of littering.

It was AGREED that:

1)A letter should be sent to all schools in the parish to express concern about the amount of littering and request their assistance in the matter by bringing it to the attention of their pupils

Cllr Bicknell wished to thank all members for their sponsorship of his 10K run.

Cllr Atkinson also wished to thank Cllr Olson for deputising as Chairman of this meeting.