

**CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING**  
**5 NOVEMBER 2012**  
**Velmore Community Centre, Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford**  
**(7.00 pm – 9.08 pm)**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Atkinson (Chairman); Councillors Boyes, Broadhurst, Bull, Ms Gault, Ms Grajewski, Hodgson, Hosegood, Hughes, Luffman, Ms Oldham-Arnett, Olson, Pragnell and Streeter

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bicknell, Cole, Davidovitz and Roberts

In attendance: Sgt Shaun Welsh and Stephen Mursell Parish Clerk

There were three members of the public present.

**313. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Atkinson, Hughes and Olson stated a declaration of interest in respect of agenda item 7 and stated that they would leave the meeting room during discussion on this matter.

**314. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**315. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Since the last meeting the Chairman had attended the special Parish Council meeting on the proposed re-siting of the Household Waster Recycling Centre at Stoneycroft Rise and also a meeting with the allotment representatives of Eagle Close and Ramalley allotment sites. The Chairman reported that the allotment representatives were satisfied with the management of the sites by the Parish Council.

The Chairman had met with Graeme Walker who is the proposed editor of the Parish newsletter to discuss steps to enable the first edition of the newsletter to be distributed in January. Due to the illness of the Chairman, Cllr Olson attended the annual general meeting of the Velmore Residents Association and he reported two issues regarding the maintenance of the rear service roads and the provision of additional dog bins that he followed up with the Local Area Co-ordinator. Feedback had been provided to the residents on these issues.

### **316. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2012 were considered for accuracy. It was requested that the minutes should show when members left and re-entered the meeting room and also who took the chair when the Chairman left the room.

It was AGREED that subject to these amendments:

1)The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2012 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 October 2012 were considered for accuracy. It was requested that the minutes should also show when members left and re-entered the meeting room and also who took the chair when the Chairman left the room.

It was AGREED that subject to these amendments:

1)To receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 October 2012 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee meeting held on 12 September 2012 were considered for accuracy.

IT was AGREED that:

1)To receive the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee meeting held on 12 September 2012 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee meeting held on 8 October 2012 were considered for accuracy.

IT was AGREED that:

1)To receive the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee meeting held on 8 October 2012 as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **317. MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman requested clarification from Cllr Pragnell as to whether he had sent an apology to the internal auditor, as requested by Council at its last meeting. Cllr Pragnell replied that he had not. The Chairman requested clarification as to the reasons why such an apology had not been sent to which Cllr Pragnell replied that 'the matter had already been placed in the public domain at the last Parish Council meeting and had turned the matter into a political debate.' Cllr Pragnell was advised that this was not the issue that he was being asked to apologise for, but for the fact that he had, in a political leaflet, suggested that the auditor of the Chandler's Ford Parish Council had a political bias, which the auditor herself had very firmly disputed, and had specifically requested

an apology from him for allowing this inference to be drawn from the article he wrote.

Cllr Pragnell still refused to provide the apology as requested by the auditor.

Cllr Atkinson advised that by his actions Cllr Pragnell had brought the Parish Council into disrepute, and advised that Council, as agreed at its last meeting, was also of that opinion. Council is waiting for the Monitoring Officer to provide an opinion on the matter.

### **318. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

Sgt Shaun Welsh provided an update to members on the current initiatives and activities of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Despite the fact that officers had been taken away for Olympic duties over the summer, the anti-social behaviour campaign was successful and Operation Nemesis had also been concluded with great success.

Sgt Welsh reported on discussions with the Chairman on a possible Shopwatch scheme and purse theft prevention initiatives. Discussions would be on-going as to how to take these initiatives forward. Sgt Welsh also advised members that PC Rich Moody had responsibility as an Anti-Social Behaviour officer for Eastleigh and had a wealth of experience in this area.

Sgt Welsh reported on the Halloween period when 30 officers were on duty with teams based locally to support the public. The Halloween period passed quietly without any major incident.

Sgt Welsh reported on the No Verge Parking campaign and the use of the polite notices. Inconsiderate parking remains an issue particularly at school dropping off and pick up times around St Swithun Wells School and Toynbee School in particular. Sgt Welsh reported that roads outside all schools will continue to be monitored on an on-going basis. The No Verge Parking notices continue to be used and there has been no adverse reaction to their use by residents or car owners, nor had there had been any positive comments following their use. Sgt Welsh stated that in his experience during the lead up to Christmas drivers may not be so tolerant and there may be some issues with the cards being issued. Sgt Welsh requested that members continue to make him aware of any on-going parking issues and photos of such examples attached to e-mails are helpful, with attachments by PDF were preferred as they would not take up so much e-mail capacity.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Parish Clerk will circulate to members the work e-mail address for Shaun and the e-mail address for the Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sgt Welsh updated members with school engagement programmes and the Stay Safe

training to secondary schools. The hard hitting campaign is delivered in classrooms and has had a massive impact across Hampshire and continues also to be delivered to parents at open evenings.

Alcohol awareness is also delivered to year 10 in secondary schools in school assemblies and at parent's evenings where drug awareness presentations are delivered. Sgt Welsh advised members that generally drug usage is increasing across the area and a co-ordinated approach by all agencies is required to address these issues.

Sgt Welsh updated members on the Alpha Park scheme where Hampshire Constabulary will redevelop the Alpha Park site on the Industrial Estate. Sgt Welsh reassured members that there would be no emergency vehicles or custody facilities on the site and the building would be used for support functions only.

Sgt Welsh updated members with results of the latest speed enforcement campaigns in respect of specific locations, summons issued, warnings given and other outcomes. Members were concerned about issues of rat running and speeding in these rat-running roads and requested how such roads could be included in such speed enforcement campaigns. Sgt Welsh advised that members should contact him with such locations and then each location will be assessed before a speed enforcement campaign is approved in that location.

### **319. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

Prior to discussing the appointment of Blake Laphorn as solicitors to act for the Parish Council in the transfer of the recreation grounds, Cllrs Atkinson, Hughes and Olson left the meeting room and Cllr Grajewski took the chair. The Parish Clerk reported that at the request of the Policy and Finance Committee both he and Cllr Boyes interviewed the solicitors and both agreed that Blake Laphorn were the preferred choice.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Parish Council would instruct Blake Laphorn as their solicitor acting in the transfer of recreation grounds at Hiltinbury, Fryern and Pennine Way together with the buildings within their curtilages. The transfer of the assets is to be requested from Eastleigh Borough Council to CFPC with effect from the next financial year, ie 1 April 2013

Cllrs Atkinson, Hughes and Olson re-entered the meeting room and Cllr Atkinson took the chair.

### **320. MOTION FROM CLLR PRAGNELL**

Cllr Pragnell introduced the motion that the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish be discontinued. Cllr Pragnell explained that the reason for bringing the motion

was that the Parish Council would be not best served by pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan and a Parish Plan would serve the purposes of the Parish Council better than a Neighbourhood Plan for a number of reasons. The reasons being a Neighbourhood Plan has to be submitted for verification and adoption whereas a Parish Plan does not; that a Neighbourhood Plan has to be considered by a referendum with the cost of the referendum being paid by the Parish Council and it is generally considered that a Neighbourhood Plan will not give the Parish Council the flexibility that a Parish Plan would give when considering housing development and other major issues.

Cllr Pragnell considered that a Parish Plan would serve the purposes of the Parish Council adequately especially as no referendum was required and that a Parish Plan would have a similar impact.

The Chairman asked members if there was a seconder for the motion and Cllr Broadhurst indicated that he would second the motion. The Chairman then opened the meeting for members to comment on the motion.

Members were of the opinion that the residents of Chandler's Ford should have a say in a local plan and as it was intended to hold a public meeting to explore the possibilities of developing a Neighbourhood Plan it should be left until then to hear resident's views and then decide whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be considered. Members also felt that local democracy will be served well by residents having a say on the future of a Neighbourhood Plan and when the 20:20 vision for Hiltingbury was being shaped through public meetings a large number of residents expressed their views.

Cllr Broadhurst in seconding the motion was of the view that a Parish Plan should be preferred over a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Broadhurst stated that with a Neighbourhood Plan the public could only have a say over where houses were to be built in the parish, rather than restrict the overall number of houses to be built. With a Parish Plan the public could influence the overall number of houses built in the parish. Cllr Broadhurst also stated that the cost of a referendum was a concern and overall a Parish Plan was his preferred option.

However it was not clear from the information available to the meeting as to whether the costs for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan would be borne by Eastleigh Borough Council or the Parish Council, nor what those costs might be.

Members considered that the costs incurred in developing a Neighbourhood Plan should be part of the presentation to residents at an open meeting and residents would therefore consider whether they would be better served by a Neighbourhood Plan or a Parish Plan and Members would trust the local community to have the final say in the matter.

The Chairman then put the motion to the vote with two members voting in favour of the motion and 10 against the motion with the motion being lost.

### **321. MEETING SCHEDULE 2013**

The Chairman advised members that at the inception of the Parish Council it was the intention to hold meetings on Mondays wherever possible and the proposed meeting schedule did not reflect this position. Members indicated that Monday evenings would be their preferred meeting day and that 8 meetings a year for the Parish Council and Policy and Finance Committee would be consistent with previous decisions of the Council. Members were advised that Planning, Highways and Licensing Committees would continue to be called appropriate to planning applications received.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Parish Clerk would revise the proposed meeting schedule to reflect these comments and with the Chairman's approval publish the 2013 meeting schedule

### **322. POLICIES AND STATEMENTS**

The Chairman advised members that the policies and statements attached to the agenda had been considered by the Policy and Finance committee with a recommendation to approve them.

Members considered the Ethical Statement.

It was AGREED that:

1) Subject to a minor amendment that the Ethical Statement is approved by the Parish Council

Members considered the Communications Policy and members raised a number of comments on the policy.

It was AGREED that:

1) The Communications Policy is referred back to the Policy and Finance committee to consider the matters raised at this meeting

Members considered the Data Protection Policy.

It was AGREED that:

1) Subject to a minor amendment that the Data Protection Policy is approved by the Parish Council

Members considered the Health and Safety Policy.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Subject to a minor amendment that the Health and Safety Policy is approved by the Parish Council

Members considered the IT Policy.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The IT Policy is approved by the Parish Council

Members considered the Press and Media Policy.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Subject to a minor amendment that the Press and Media Policy is approved by the Parish Council

### **323. 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

The following cheques have been drawn since the last council meeting which members are asked to endorse:

Cheque No	Net	VAT	Gross
100176 Cash Office petty cash			£15.00
100177 S Mursell Office expenses	£86.16	£6.80	£92.96
100178 Do the Numbers Internal Audit service			£475.00
100179 Underhill House Diamond Jubilee garden plaques	£304.00	£60.80	£364.80
100180 Chandler's Ford UR Church Room hire		£32.50	

100181 British Gas Business Electricity Eagle Close	£6.26	£0.32	£6.68
100182 S Mursell June salary			£1019.40
100183 HMRC Tax and NI			£442.87
100184 Community First Allotment equipment insurance			£101.58
100185 Neighbourhood Watch Grant			£180.00
100186 Velmore Community Centre Grant			£550.00
100187 S Mursell July salary			£1019.40
100188 HMRC Tax and NI			£442.87
100189 M & S Enterprises Allotment equipment repair	£44.87	£8.97	£53.84

Members are asked to authorise the following requests for payment:

CiLCA CiLCA Certificate registration fee			£150.00
British Gas Business Eagle Close electricity			£6.36
S Mursell Chandler's Ford in Bloom expenses			£139.77
British Gas Business Eagle Close electricity			£6.57
Cash Office petty cash			£98.87

HCC NCCZ signs	£209.00
Velmore Community Centre Room hire	£86.25
ISL Printer supplies	£48.00
Southern Water Ramalley water charges	£448.53
HALC Office rent and stationery charges	£449.28
S Mursell August salary	£1019.40
HMRC Tax & NI	£442.87

For members information there is a balance at bank of £73,756.87, once all the above cheques have been presented.

It was noted that the transfer of funds to the deposit account had yet to be actioned.

It was AGREED that:

1)£40,000 is transferred from the current account to the deposit account held at Eastleigh Borough Council.

### **324. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk referred members to the items of correspondence attached to the agenda. It was requested that members should note the traffic orders and speed restrictions and the notice from Hampshire County Council of a change in the way public notices were displayed.

### **325. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

There were no members questions.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12 December 2012 at the Dovetail Centre