

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL MEETING

8 MAY 2012

Chandler's Ford Community Centre, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford

(7.00 pm – 9.13 pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Atkinson (Chairman); Councillors, Boyes, Davidovitz, Mrs Gault, Ms Grajewski, Ms Hodgson, Hosegood, Hughes, Olson and Streeter

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Arnett, Bicknell, Broadhurst, Bull, Cole, Pragnell and Mrs Roberts

In attendance: Paul Ramshaw, Eastleigh Borough Council; Sam Horne, Hampshire County Council; Tony Langridge, Consultant; Stephen Mursell Parish Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

262. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman thanked Councillors for the organisation of the Fryern Funtasia in particular Cllrs Hughes and Boyes for the organisation of the event.

263. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members stated a declaration of interest

264. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public present at the meeting was advised that they could address the Council.

265. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

See attached – Appendix A

266. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk advised members that one nomination had been received for the post of Chairman. Cllr Atkinson was nominated by Cllr Olson and seconded by Cllr Grajewski.

It was AGREED that:

1)Cllr Atkinson would serve as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2012/13.

267. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Clerk advised members that one nomination had been received for the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr Olson was nominated by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Streeter.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Cllr Olson would serve as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2012/13.

268. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Cllr Boyes requested that he transfer from membership of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee to the Policy and Finance Committee, subject to the proportionality of the Committees not being compromised.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The Clerk would review the proportionality of the committees and report back to the Parish Council

269. RE-SITING OF THE HAMPSHIRE WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

The Chairman introduced Paul Ramshaw who in turn introduced Sam Horne of Hampshire County Council who will be responsible for the design of the facility. Mr Ramshaw stated that Tony Langridge who is the Project Manager appointed by Hampshire County Council will join the meeting as soon as possible.

Mr Ramshaw stated that the plan previously circulated was a feasibility drawing at this stage and that Mr Horne who manages Waste Recycling Centres in the County would answer any operational questions raised by members. Once the design statement, traffic and environmental assessments have been concluded a planning application will be submitted for determination by Hampshire County Council. Once the application is approved then the procurement and tendering process will be undertaken.

Mr Horne advised members that modern recycling sites operate on a split level - with lorries servicing the site at the lower level and users of the site at the higher level. Users of the site will walk over a gantry and therefore pedestrians and lorries will not be in conflict with each other. The proposed site will be larger than the current Woodside Avenue site and as it is planned to operate with more bins available. It was anticipated that the site will be able accommodate extra traffic without causing traffic issues on Stonecroft Rise.

The site design that members had previously seen was an outline plan and a detailed design would be drawn up once underground services were investigated. Members were advised that depending on the location of the underground services, access to the site may slightly alter. The Chairman opened the meeting for questions from members and the member of public present.

Members were anxious that they should be consulted prior to the planning application being submitted and Mr Ramshaw confirmed that this would be the case. The Parish Clerk would be advised as to the consultation process. In addition any operational issues raised by members today will be noted and incorporated into the design where

possible. Mr Ramshaw indicated that the planning application would be drawn up by the end of July and the application should be presented to members at the October Parish Council meeting as part of the agreed consultation process.

Members requested further information on the number of bins available to the public and the operation of the site on a split level basis. In addition members wished to know where a similar site operating on a split level could be viewed. Mr Horne advised members that there were 14 bins on the design already circulated which were served by 7 gantry points. There were 26 parking spaces with an additional 2 spaces for disabled users. The site at Winchester currently operates on a similar basis.

Members were concerned about the traffic impact and resultant issues of a larger recycling centre at Stoneycroft Rise. Members were concerned that the attraction of a new recycling centre to potential users over a wider area would result in additional traffic movements in the locality. Members enquired whether these additional traffic movements had been factored in to the planned traffic impact assessment.

Members highlighted the current traffic issues on Chestnut Avenue, the Asda roundabout together with the proposed developments south of Chestnut Avenue and also in Test Valley. Members had already been advised of the projected traffic movements on the site with a capacity of 234 vehicles each hour which Mr Horne considered was very much at the maximum level and it was noted that the Woodside Avenue site currently has 50 traffic movements an hour. Mr Horne noted these comments and agreed that they would be taken in to account at the time of the traffic impact assessment.

Members were concerned about the safety of users of the Freespace facility and the potential conflict with the users of the recycling site. Mr Ramshaw confirmed that this conflict was also a concern to Eastleigh Borough Council and the Freespace facility would be retained as an asset to locality.

The member of the public present expressed concern for local residents as a further green space would be lost for recreational purposes and children would be further discouraged from walking to school. Members were also keen to understand the views of Velmore residents and Mr Ramshaw confirmed that these views would also be reflected as part of the consultation process. Members were aware that residents on the Aviary estate were already concerned about potential 'rat running' through the estate by users of the proposed facility. It was confirmed that these comments would also be taken in to account on the traffic impact assessment.

Members required confirmation whether alternative sites had been considered in such areas as the Chandler's Ford Industrial Estate. Mr Ramshaw confirmed that alternative sites had previously been considered and new sites would still be considered as they are become known. He encouraged members to suggest alternative sites; however it was considered that the proposed site would have a capacity of 25 years taking account of the proposed development in the immediate locality.

The Chairman concluded the discussion by stating that many concerns had been raised and despite the fact it was early in the planning process many valuable comments had been made which were drawn out of local knowledge. Mr Ramshaw supported this and stated that all the valuable comments would be fed in to the design process. In addition members were encouraged to identify alternative sites which may be appropriate and advise him of such sites.

270. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 April 2012 were considered for accuracy.

Subject to these amendments it was AGREED that:

- 1) Concerning the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 3 April 2012 it should be noted that Cllrs Boyes and Streeter were in attendance at this meeting
- 2) Subject to these amendments the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 April 2012 are signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance committee held on 4 April 2012 as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning committee held on 7 March 2012 as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning committee held on 5 April 2012 as an accurate record.

It was AGREED to receive the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing committee meeting held on 26 March 2012 subject to it being noted that Cllrs Mrs Arnett, Boyes, Hosegood and Streeter were noted as apologies for that meeting.

271. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised members that the Policy and Finance Committee had considered the Publication Scheme and recommended that the Parish Council approve the document in its current format.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) The Parish Council approve the Publication Scheme as attached in Appendix C and instruct the Parish Clerk to publish the document on the website.

The Clerk advised members that the Policy and Finance Committee had agreed to provide a budget of £300.00 to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team to provide a gazebo, a table and signs for the purpose of community safety initiatives across the parish.

It was AGREED that:

!) The Parish Council approve a budget of £300 to purchase a gazebo, a table and signs for the purposes of community safety initiatives across the parish

272. MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chairman advised members that at the formation of the Parish Council it was decided to hold 11 Parish Council meetings a year and because of the frequency and dates of these meetings, all members were not able to regularly attend all meetings. Members also noted that some meeting agendas were limited because of the current frequency of meetings.

Members also felt that Parish Council meetings should be aligned more closely with other committee meetings in order that greater efficiency of reporting could take place. It was considered that 8 meetings a year would be adequate to conduct Council business and enable the other committees to hold their meetings in between the scheduled Parish Council meetings.

It was AGREED that:

- 1)The Clerk will revise the schedule of Parish Council meeting to 8 meetings a calendar year
- 2)The revised schedule will show Parish Council meetings occurring no more than two weeks after the Policy and Finance Committee meetings
- 3)The revised meeting schedule to take note of the current Eastleigh Borough Council meeting schedule

273. CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence were reported by the Parish Clerk.

274. 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
100130 S Mursell February salary			

£931.46			
100131 HMRC			
Tax & NI			
£651.14			
100132 Hampshire Police			
PCSO funding			£14,000.00
100133 Harrison			
Flags and collar	£100.58	£20.12	
£162.58			
100134 HCC			
NCCZ signs	£48.33	£9.67	£58.00
100135 HALC			
Annual conference	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
100136 D Boyes			
Diamond Jubilee Garden			£23.92
100137 E-Mango			
Annual hosting	£505.00	£101.00	
£606.00			
100138 M & S Enterprises			
Allotment equipment service	£298.36	£59.68	
£358.04			
100139 Cash			
Establish office float and Diamond Jubilee launch			
£250.00			
100140 Underhill House			
CFGT cups	£37.00	£7.40	£44.40
100141 St Martins Centre			
Room hire			£25.00
100142 HCA			
CFGT hall hire			£153.75

Members were asked to authorise the following requests for payment:

S Mursell

March salary

£931.46

HMRC

Tax & NI

£651.14

British Gas Business

Eagle Close electricity

£7.83

M & S Enterprise

Allotment machinery servicing

£208.71

Stagebeat

Microphone equipment

£1939.28

S Mursell

Office expenses

£131.76

CFPC

Budget for Funtasia

£1000.00

HALC

Affiliation fees

£1923.00

Community First

Annual insurance

£344.49

HCC

NCCZ signs

£50.00

Eastleigh Borough Council

Council tax insert

£364.80

HCC

NCCZ signs

£50.00

Teletraffic

Speed enforcement equipment

£1380.00

The Clerk advised members that there was a balance at bank of £77,338.99 once all the cheques listed above were presented for payment at the bank.

Members felt that with the recent credit of the first instalment of the parish precept, monies should be placed on deposit with Eastleigh Borough Council.

It was AGREED that:

1)The Clerk will transfer the sum of £40,000 to the Parish Council deposit account with Eastleigh Borough Council

275. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Members were advised that the speaker at the Annual Parish meeting on 21 May is Sgt Shaun Welsh who will be speaking on community safety.

Cllr Gault suggested that members should consider holding surgeries for residents to meet with Councillors.

Cllr Boyes updated members on forthcoming events organised by the North Millers Dale Association.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 8 MAY 2012

Our strap line is 'working with the Community – for the Community' and is one that I believe we have worked to during this last year, our second year in being.

2012 is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year – a very special event the likes of which few of us are likely to witness again – so we have worked with the local community associations, schools and businesses of Chandler's Ford to provide not only several celebratory events, but also to provide a lasting memorial of this special year to be enjoyed now and by generations to come.

The creation of our Diamond Jubilee Garden at the Fryern Recreation Grounds has provided the parish with a beautiful and peaceful place to visit, and will continue to provide pleasure over many years as the plants mature. We were delighted that Dame Mary Fagan, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, was able to open the gardens, and raise the Diamond Jubilee flag on our new flag pole – the first jubilee flag she had seen raised in Hampshire.

We have worked with the schools through our youth council forum to hold a 'Chandler's Ford's Got Talent' competition – and indeed it has – all the acts in the finals were fantastic making the final winners very difficult to select.

We have promoted the 'Fryern Funtasia' which has involved the local community, schools and businesses in creating a fun event for the whole parish to enjoy – despite the weather!

Our other events for the Jubilee year will include a Beacon lighting and a 'Chandler's Ford's in Bloom' competition.

All these events have taken time and commitment from our councillors – but have resulted in creating a new enthusiasm within the parish of working together for our mutual benefit – an enthusiasm which I hope will continue and expand in the coming year as we develop greater communications within the parish.

Community safety is one of our top priorities within council.

This year we have continued to support Community Safety officers within our parish – and they are pleased to tell us that we are a relatively crime free parish!

However we continue to work with them to ensure we remain so, and our decision to support No Cold Calling Zones within our parish has been very successful with several new zones being created this year.

We are now working with the Police to help reduce speeding, and have purchased our own 'speed equipment' which will be used exclusively in our parish to deter offenders.

We have also continued to support the Street Pastors who contribute so much to the youth of our parish by giving them their time, and encouraging them to talk about their concerns – as well as handing out the lollypops!

The character of Chandler's Ford is important to us, and we particularly wish to retain the abundance of trees which we are lucky to have. We receive regular notification of requests to either cut down, or significantly 'prune' trees in our parish, which is concerning.

Therefore we have developed a tree policy whereby we try to ensure that trees are preserved, or, if they require felling, that they will be replaced. To help us with this we are recruiting volunteers as tree wardens who will advise us if they see any trees being unappropriately or unnecessarily destroyed.

We are aware that many parishioners are upset by inconsiderate parking on verges, not only can this be dangerous, but it also leaves unsightly tyre marks on the grass verges. We are working with the police to develop notices that will be given to offenders which we hope will deter them from parking on verges in the future.

So that we can control development in our parish we are progressing with a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish, and will be holding a public meeting to discuss this in the coming month.

We have continued to work well with the allotment holders, and our policy of engaging them with the running of the allotment sites has reflected in much reduced running costs this year. We continue to make regular checks on the sites to ensure standards are maintained, and that all safety regulations are adhered to – this is proving a good working partnership within the community.

We are keen to operate similar working partnerships for the running of other assets within the parish, particularly the recreation grounds, as we feel there is much more we could do if we were able to control these assets ourselves.

We have suffered frustrations in trying to obtain information regarding the running of these sites – and certainly would not want to commit the parish to any unknown liabilities – but we will progress transfer of ownership of the assets once we are satisfied it is to the parish's advantage.

During the year we have been involved with the new Velmore Community Association which will be running the newly re-developed Velmore Community Centre – this is a superb re-development and not only will this be an asset for Velmore, but also for the whole of the parish.

We have held meetings with the community associations of Chandler's Ford during the year which have given us the opportunity to hear the views of our parishioners and to tell them what we are doing. We value those meetings and take forward any issues raised to ensure those views are heard.

We have been particularly keen to do this in respect of the proposals for new housing developments being made by both Eastleigh Borough Council and by Test Valley Council – whilst these developments are outside our parish they will significantly impact on us if they go ahead. We have therefore made representations to both Councils regarding our concerns – particularly with regard to the impact new housing developments will have on our roads and other general services.

It has been a busy year – and we have achieved much – a new Jubilee Garden for the community; new initiatives with the police to improve safety in the parish; new policies to ensure the character of our parish is retained; improved communications within the parish and advancement in the transfer of our assets to our parish.

In the coming year we will continue to work for the community by building on the foundations we have laid this year, and by working with the community.

Finally I would like to thank all councillors for their continued support this year, and in particular my thanks to our Parish Clerk, Steve Mursell, and I look forward to us all working together in the next.